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Around Town.

I have heard considerable unfavorable comment on the refusal of the leader of the local Opposition to take any part in by-elections, and many of his lukewarm friends are saying that he does not seem to cars to win insomuch as he has failed to enunciate a policy and provide them with the ammunition nec carry on a campaign. For my own part I think he is acting wi-ely in refraining from mixing in the fights which are going on, insomuch as in the ingres which are going on, incommon the will be free from entanglement till the next session of the Legislature, which will be the last before general election. If Mr. Meredith were to go up into Bruce or Lambton, what he said would be misquoted and the Government perhaps would try to make it appear that he was fighting the Patrons of Industry in one constituency and becoming an ally of the P.P.A. in the other. There were many who thought he did not go far enough in the Separate School matter in the last campaign, and others thought he went too far, while there is still another portion of his party who are tendering him gratuitous advice as to the desirability of abandoning any further contention in the matter. For this and other reasons it seems to me discreet that Mr. Meredith should formulate his policy during next session, and as he will have heard what the Patrons of Industry have to say he will be in a much better position to meet their demands than if he had in a by-election been forced to become their critic while upholding his own candidate. After his many years of service as leader of the Opposition his party cannot doubt his loyalty, and no one has been suggested whose judg-ment can be more safely relied upon. It must be a thankless task to be the leader of a party almost hopelessly handicapped by its forced subservience in the past to the issues in Federal politics. Without doubt the time has now arrived for the Opposition in Ontario to thoroughly emancipate itself from Dominion issues and make its own fight with an aggressive sive policy. In the past the Liberal party having been so contentious over provincial rights that Conservatives were forced to opthe Dominion; such matters having been largely settled; Federation having been ented by stronger ties of mutual interest by greater facilities in transportation and the interchange of goods, and the whole fabric having become stronger by reason of its age, it no longer devolves upon the Conservative party to spend their whole time or a disproportion ate share of their energy in preventing the discontented from "amashing Federation into its original atoms." Until the Legislature meets, however, the friends of the provincial Opposition should be content to await the announcement of the party policy and to pre-vent, as far as possible, those complications hich may defeat the plan of campaign which Mr. Meredith is doubtless preparing.

A few weeks ago I remarked that His Excellency the Governor-General seemed to imagine that he could achieve popularity in Canada more easily by an overgrown retinue than by continuing to use his personal influence in that unaffected and kindly way which made bim such a welcomed guest when here in an unofficial capacity. His reported refusal to attend the Board of Trade banquet on the ground of a "previous engagement" appeared to be such an unconcealed and undiplomatic snub that we are all glad to hear it partially explained, though even yet it is not quite clear how, as the date of the banquet had not been fixed and the managers were anxious to fix it to suit his lordship, the "previous engagement" excuse could be anything but a rather impolite and impolitic evasion. It was not as if they were asking him to preside over a dance or to patronize a tea fight; the invitation came from the largest and most important organiza tion of business men in any city of the Do-minion. The leading men in the whole country are willing to be guests; the speeches are read from ocean to ocean; previous governors, the leading railroad magnates and men with the commercial interests have hitherto found time to attend similar events. Lord time is doubtless taxed considerably by societies desiring his presence, but I think he will make a mistake if he is not pres ent on an occasion when he can learn perhaps more of the commercial needs of the country in an evening than he would pick up in the ordinary round of his official life in months.

It was not a very statesmanlike proposition made by the president of the Young Liberal Conservatives that in Ontario affairs the office of the Minister of Agriculture he abolished. Oliver Mowat speaking at Port Elgin took the young man to task and made him look very absurd indeed. Insomuch as the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa is a lawyer and the one holding a similar position in Ontario is a farmer, the comparison is all against the Conservative Government, and as Ontario is the largest, richest and best tilled province in the Dominion and agriculture is the chief business of the people, and as dairying, meat producing k-breeding are becoming our most con spicuous industries, why should there not be a Cabinet Minister to look after that which is the most important of all our affairs? There may have been much mismanagement on our experimental farms; the itinerant dairy may not be the best; some of the some of the grants of money may have been in-advisable, yet the fact remains that much good has been done and much more done by a proper supervision and encouragement of our agricultural interests. across the line read what is sure to be copied for any member of a party whose utterances in their journals. We should not jubilate so

ances as the one Sir Oliver answered with such effect that make it necessary for hundreds of political speakers to explain a score of times each that the Opposition in power would do no such thing. Particularly foolish was such a statement at the present period, when the Patrons of Industry, claiming that the farmers have too little influence, too little attention paid to them, are organizing themselves and

We have all been accustomed to look on the United States as a national exemplification of everything that is selfish. The McKinley tariff

are likely to prove a very influential factor in the election which cannot be very many months

are apt to travel further than a city lodge-room to urge the discontinuance of a Minister of Agriculture, is enough to stamp such a speaker as deficient in both knowledge and tact. It is such hasty and ill-considered utter. coal should come in here free; if they reduce the tariff on something we produce, we should reduce the tariff on some equally important article that they produce, and our manufacturers cannot do themselves a more deadly in jury than by expressing their pleasure at the reduction that the people of the United States are making while still insisting that high duty shall be kept by Canada on their particular line of manufactures. Canada cannot profit by usurping the position so long occupied by the United States as the greatest national hog on earth.

Of one thing the people of the United States may rest assured, the clamor which in their country is likely to result in so great a reducwas an offence to every other nation on earth, | tion of their tariff will shortly be heard in Can-

It seems the vast amount of water that the taxpayers of Toronto spend their money for pumping is not being distributed on anything like an equitable plan. The water takers who have meters only pay about twelve and a half cents per thousand gallons, while the small consumers pay from twenty to thirty cents for the same amount of water. It is argued that meters would cost a very great deal of money, some six hundred thousand dollars for twenty-five thousand meters. But any question of this sort cannot be relegated to the background on the plea that we are not in a position to spend that amount of money. If a meter costs twenty-four dollars-and that ould seem to be the price, though it is not set

have gotten and the receiver is as bad as the thief, the Government or the members of the Government who assisted them to get it and who benefited by the expenditure of it, should also be in jail. The good sense of the rightthinking people of Canada must approve of the punishment of the boodlers, but it takes a very fine discrimination to discover why the agents should be punished and the principals go free. I think it is the sense of justice and the belief in gratitude that even dishonest people should show their pals that causes so much sympathy to be expressed for McGreevy and Connolly. The people hear of these men being in jail while those who profited by the conspiracy are in office; naturally enough they feel that either McGreevy and Connolly should not be in jail or the other fellows should be with them. There is no astounding display of rectitude in a government punishing their accomplices in wrong-doing; indeed, I imagine that the ordinary observer of public events is more resentful towards the Government for permitting their accomplices to be punished than he would have accomplices to be punished than he would have been had the Ministers shielded them and got them off without punishment. I am afraid that our sense of right and wrong has been pretty badly dulled, yet there is a sort of a desire for fair play and gratitude common to even the most barbarous of mankind. The man who sins against this unwritten code of morals, the man who "peaches on his pal" or turns Queen's evidence in order to get out of a thing himself, is always hated as an informer, even though justice and good government are assisted by such conduct. To use a slang phrase, the sentiment of pity for McGreevy and phrase, the sentiment of pity for medicary and Connolly is largely made up of a notion that they got the worst of it, and that they were given their bitter medicine by those who got the best of it and the best of them.

The election of Mr. Martin in Winnipeg, as I remarked last week, is a very significant event and if we examine the causes leading up to it, and if we examine the causes leading up to it, together with the results which are likely to follow, it will be seen that the Liberal party has won a noticeable victory. At the last general election Hugh John Macdonald, who is undoubtedly the most popular man in Winnipey, defeated Isaac Campbell, who is personally the most popular Liberal in Manitoba. Last week Mr. Martin, who is an excessively aggressive and consequently not personally a very nonesive and consequently not personally a very popular man, defeated Mr. Colin Campbell, against whom nothing of a personal nature could be said, by four hundred and twenty-five votes. Mr. Martin had a number of bitter disagree ments with his colleagues in the Greenway Government, who could not be expected to favor his candidature, had the solid Roman Catholic and French Canadian vote against him and yet he scalle details to the control of him, and yet he signally defeated his opponent and showed how utterly weak the Ottawa Government is in the North-West.

In this connection I will make a brief quota tion from an article which I wrote soon after

returning from the North-West this fall.

The defeat of Mr. Macdonald, the leader of the Manitoba Opposition in Brandon, is more significant than it may appear to those not conversant with local issues. It simply means that the Dominion Givernment is toying with the Conservatives of Manitoba and permitting them to get the worst of its on local affice. conservatives of manitions and permitting them to get the worst of is on local affaire, as those who sympathics with the Opposition in Ontario are so invariably given the worst of is here. The Government is foolish in this, for I have heard many Manitoba Conservatives say that their representatives are too unanimous at Othawa, while their local legislators are too numerously in favor of the Greenway Government as home. I may be disloyed or reported as through the programment with the counted as disloyed or reported as through the counted as disloyed or reported as the counted as disloyed or reported as the counted as the counted as disloyed or reported as the counted as the counted as disloyed or reported as the counted a of the Greenway Government at home. I may be counted as disloyal or reported as ignorant, yet I have been in every province in the Dominion this year excepting Prince Edward Island, and I am not at all afraid to eavithst Sir John Thompson is reputed as only nominally Premier and his colleagues are doing his work in a very desultory way. The party everywhere is feeling the absence of a real leader; in fact, to put it briefly, the party threatene to go to pleces because no large position and competent oblefain has formulated a policy on the acceptance of the provided of competent oblefain has formulated a policy on the acceptance of which he decides as to the feasity of his followers. Indeed, what must we think of a government that is afraid to appoint licutenant: governors while three vacancies are in existence, one of them for at least a year and two for many months? Even senatorial appointments are left open. The whole party feels that men can now receive mothing unless that are Practed. The Government is believed. nothing unless they are Dreaded. The Government is being ruled by fear rather than promotion; the star that threaten can receive promotion; the star that threaten can receive promotion; the star threaten can be started by the st ruled by fear rather than love; that is to say, only me

The Government also has been playing fast and loose with the Lieutenant-Governorship, though Winnipeg and the major portion of Manitoba showed unequivocally a decided preference for Mr. Scarth. Yet Mr. A. W. Ross was kept expecting the position, and the old-time Conservatives of the province were led to believe that their influence was no longer valued at Ottawa. On the school question both Mr. Martin and Mr. Campbell expressed themselves as of the same view, yet ultra-Protestant-ism would of course favor Mr. Martin, insomuch as he was the author of the Manitoba School Bill. On tariff reform both candidates expre-sed the same opinion, but evidently the capital of Manitoba has ceased to believe in the promises of the Dominion Government and the influence of Conservative supporters sent to Ottawa from the West. discontent in the Conservative party in Winnipeg is but a symptom of the general distrust felt throughout the province. Manitoba and the whole North-West are out of sympathy with the present Ministry and have but little regard for the personnel of the Government. I am told that Messrs. Foster and Angers might better have stayed at home instead of making their trip through the Prairie Province. Conservative and Liberal alike insist in this new country on radical tariff reform ; they do not believe they will get it from the present administration,

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THE BAILIFF'S DAUGHTER.

tion that the United States was able to live alone and was willing to be taxed in order to prevent any other country participating in the od things that the Creator showered so lavishly upon the people of the republic. proposed revision of the tariff as set forth in the report made by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress, has astounded not only the Yankees themselves but all their neighbors. Whether it will become law or not is a question which Canadians certainly hope will be answered in the affirmative. Some of our enterprising newspapers have sent their reporters out to obtain the opinions of leading business men. These interviews as published reveal what is, but should not be, an astounding amount of meanness and selfishness, because we all know how mean and selfish the world is-and we all are, for that matter, when our interests are con-Manufacturers who are likely to obtain a great advantage by the change in the United States tariff publicly shake hands with themselves and are glad, and in the next breath deprecate any change in our own tariff such as is invited by the reduc-tion that Congress is likely to make It is a pity that the Canadian papers have been so jubilant. It will have have been so jubilant. It will have anything but a good effect when our neighbors

much as it was conceived to be a declara | ada. The highly protective system in this | forth-every taxpayer should at least have the country is doomed. I should feel very sorry to see any such reduction in the tariff as will damage our manufactures or disturb or impede in any way the products of our industrial centers. As Torontonians we have as much at stake as any other community on the continent, yet we must realize the fact that tariff reform can do us little good except that it may assist in restoring public confidence. Canadian farmers and country merchants and all those who are not directly interested in manufactures will feel that better days are in store, and their hopefulness will assist to bring Toronto to a realizing sense of the greatness of her natural position. Yet it will have evils in its train and we should not be too much elated. If things drift as they are drifting, Sir John Thompson and his Government may as well pack their values, yet I for one shall be sorry to see them goout to be replaced by men of se doings we have had no foretaste. They will be novices in the art of government and Canada cannot stand any rash experiments. It seems to me that we should be reciprocal, nothing more. This much we must be, or our selfishness will arouse the ire and resentment of the republic. More than this we do not need to be. Thus we will get a natural recipro i y without any particular treaty; we will be reciprocal because it is fair and because it will be profitable. Further than this we should not prisoners got money which they should not

privilege of buying or renting a meter. haps he has the privilege, but he should know it, and the interest on the meter should be de ducted from what he pays. It would not be practicable to provide every water taker in Toronto with a meter at the public expense, but he should be able to provide himself and be allowed the interest on the investment or pay a fair rental, and have the privilege of moving it when he changes his place of residence. More than this, the taxation should be equalized. Our water rates do not appear to be ex cessively high and manufacturing enterprises should not be charged so much for the water as to drive them out of the city, yet the dispro-portion between the large taker of water and the ordinary householder is altogether too great. We all pay equally, it is supposed, for the pumping of the water; there is no reason why we should be charged at different rates for the using of it. But the sadly solemn thought comes in right here, that we do not pump any such amount of water as is claimed. Perhaps in this, as in many other civic matters, if the truth were known things would look altogether different.

The case of McGreevy and Connolly imprisoned for a year for boodling the Government and boodling for the Government, is an interesting paradox. If the

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HINDA MYSTERY. THE

I time the yarn by recollection of the mariner of that age-a bronzed, plump, whiskered, smiling man, clothed in a short round jacket, with a corner of red silk handkerchief hanging at his pocket; his blue trowsers flowed like the swell of the sea to his pumps; he also wore check shirt, with a tarpaulin hat on nine hairs, from the brim of which, over his left eye, gracefully dangled half a fathom of ribbon. His costume dates my tale; now to proceed.

I paced the deck watching the moon rise.

It was the Indian Ocean; hot as the atmos phere was, the long white gleam, sparkling under the moon as she soared into silver, was like the flash of bubbles under ice, and the faint breath of the damp night wind seemed to me along out of the East, cool and sweet from that streak of pure light.

I was chief mate of the Canterbury, a barque of five hundred tons; Henry Carter was her commander. We were from Calcutta for the Thames; but how long out at this date I forget. I had the watch from eight to twelve-it is called at sea the first watch; it was then about half past nine o'clock. The captain was in the cabin playing chess with a lady, a Mrs. Godhold, the wife of an old friend of our skipper's. Her husband's ship had been hired to convey troops to China. His wife had neither the health nor the spirit to accompany him on a traverse that might run into months of ocean, and soul subduing spells of detention in ports : so Captain Godbold put her under the care of Captain Carter, and we were carrying her home. Good soul! she needed but little care. Her face was her constable. She required no stouter protector; yet the spirit of goodness beamed in her wall eye; and much more of the sweetness of the true woman lurked in her wide smile and yawning laugh than I have seen in lips trimmed to the likeness of rose-

They sat together at table playing chess, right under the open skylight in the breeze from the heel of a windsail whose pillar-like form rose snaking and writhing out of the sheen to the dim gape of its jaws up in the dusk. Angels, how hot it was! All the heat of the day seemed to rise out of the solid plank underfoot and float to the nostril in an atmosphere of shipboard smells, blistered paint, and 'twixt the seams like butter, with a relish of deeper matters as far down as the

The taint air of the night wrinkled us onwards. We had steerage way; but the whole machinery of the helm seemed asleep, with the motionless figure of a man, his arm lazily overhanging a spoke, lifting against a dim star or two past the taffrail; in fact, a sheet calm was coming on ; the soundless heave of the long black swell scarce did more than of the long black swell scarce did more than flap a shower of dew from time to time out of the pale hanging spaces. Yet there was re-freshment in the noise of waters trembling along the bends; and in very loathing of the heat I stepped to the rail and overhung it, to get some coldness for the eye out of the shadow, touched here and there with roaming glows and sunken puffs of the green sea fire.

It was like blinding the sight and seeing

strange lights. As the moon brightened a reflected lustre sifted from the squares of canwas into the dusk, and the figure of the barque stole out with veins of silver in her heat-softened rigging; every point of yard arm finding a pendent jewel in a star, so still and upright did we float. Suddenly my eye was taken by an object ahead on the port bow. It was close to, slowly coming along. It seemed to shine upon the liquid gloom; and I thought it was made by a star till I glanced aloft and saw nothing in the sky over it brilliant enough for that mirroring. I watched it as it drew nigh; it floated alongside, not a boat-hook's length off. The moonlight lay fair upon it; but it was not until the object was immediately under the part of the rail I overhung that I perceived it was the body of a woman lying on her back. resting as quietly as though she slept, and veering noiseless as oil into the blackness under our counter and astern.

I sprang to the skylight and shouted, "The body of a woman has just gone past, sir. may be alive. She doesn't look to have been long overboard."

In an instant Captain Carter was on deck. He ran to the quarter and stared over, and, seeing the body, called to the man at the wheel to put his helm down. The ship came sluggishly round. Captain Carter told me to get a boat lowered and pick the body up smartly. He spoke as though the sight of the thing floating plain in the moonshine, and now slipping away off the starboard though she should presently die, it's a wonder-quarter, had convinced him it lived. The watch tumbled aft promptly to my call, and in was the weather, with the water sheeting into a smoky dusk westward, whilst eastward the wake of the moon came in a tremble of greenish silver to the very shadow of the ship—the boat was lowered, three hands in her, myself in the stern sheets shipping the rudder as we were water-borne.

Half a dozen strokes of the oar carried us to again and were presently aboard.

think, was the stuff. She wore a sash, but the color was not to be guessed by moonlight. She was without a hat; her hair had washed loose; but streaky as it was with the wet, and dark with the saturation of brine, is showed a wonderful abundance and of a yellow gold. Mrs. Godbold stood at hand ready to help. I and a seaman carried the woman below; we were followed by the captain and Mrs. Godbole. There was a clear light of oil flame down here, and whilst we bore the body to a spare berth-I looked at its face. I saw neither discoloration

betwixt the long eye-lashes.

It will be thirty years ago since it happened. returned on deck to stump out the rest of my watch, taking the skipper's instructions as I passed out to get the ship to her course again if there was any wind left. There was no wind, I felt for even the faintest trickle of draught, with a moistened forefinger lifted, to no purpose. So I let the old barkey lie as she was, and went from rail to rail with a night-glass, searching the western dusk and the eastern splendor, and the vague line of horizon between for a sail, but saw nothing. Whilst I was at this the captain came on deck.

"Do you make out anything like a ship?" he asked.

" Neither did I; yet the woman has not been long in the water. She has fallen overboard out of a passenger ship—that's sure by the looks of her. Where's her ship, then ?"

He took the glass and carefully swept the "There was nothing in sight at sundown?"

I had been below at that hour, and could not

"Strange," said he, "that her clothes didn't suck her under. She has very little on, though. Mrs. Godbold says what she has is of the best.

Everything is marked 'E. C.'" "It's not often," said I, "you hear of a body

found floating at sea and nothing in sight." "Why, yes," he answered. "They're mostly dead, however—dead, I mean, when launched. Yet I've heard tell of people found afloat, picked up insensible, after having been in, or rather on top of, the water for hours. Women will float when men will sink. It's not a matter of clothes—it's obstinacy, helped by shape."

He returned to the cabin. The decks were ivory-white with moonlight; forward a couple of figures softly paced the planks, and their shadows stretched from their feet like streams of ink. Whilst I paced I speculated on the cause of the woman being in the water; I diverted myself by making up a story about it first I allowed, with Captain Carter, that she had been a lady on board a passenger ship— her attire warranted her quality; then I invented that she was a sleep-walker. She had lain down tropically clothed in her cabin, and in slumber had risen, passed through the large cabin window into the mizzen channels; her clutch missed, her foot slipped—but the height was trifling; she made no splash and was swiftly floating astern out of eyeshot and earshor. Perhaps then she awoke, and, realizing her state, swconed, and so died, still fluating on her back as though rafted. Anyway it was certain she had not long been in the therefore the ship she belonged to could not be far distant ahead of us. I made a calculation. basing the figures on the breezes and speed that afternoon, and worked it out that the woman s ship might very well be clean out of sight from our decks, though the woman herself had not been floating above three hours.

Whilst I occupied myself with these thoughts, six bells (eleven o'clock) were struck; the hush now upon the deep was as the still-ness of a cathedral crypt at midnight. The mellow chimes trembled in echoes off the mar ble-like canvas, and thinned into the visionary distances in a mocking music of chimes that might have courted a thoughtless eye into searching the dusk for the loom of land. Looking aft, I spied a red star near the wheel. and scented the presence of the skipper. He came leisurely forward and exclaimed

"Well, Mr. Berry, you've saved a life, but you've damned a soul, I reckon.'

How's that, sir ?" said I. I should tell you betwixt this captain and me there was little or no quarter deck tension, nothing of the professional posture that keeps the eye askant and the mouth shut, and forces a colder and sterner isolation upon skipper and mate than is felt by the hermit in his bitterest mood of revolt and regret.

" The woman's alive."

" Mrs. Godbold's of opinion there's been foul

play."
"Where does the soul I'm concerned for Why," said he, with a short laugh, drop-

ping his words betwixt puffs of his cigar, "if there's been a crime in this job yours will be the hand that must dangle the doer." "If she lives there's no hanging matter in life.

She may out with her yarn, then expire,'

"She's said nothing as yet, I suppose sir ?"
No more than had we fished up a figurehead. But she's alive; and even at that,

When the second mate relieved me at eight was nothing to hinder agility, so still bold. She was coming from the pantry with some wine. She told me that the lady was sensible and had spoken some sentences.

"What did she say ?" said I.

"Y hat dis ane say " said i.
"Just whispered a few syllables of thanks,"
she answered, bringing her wall eye to bear
upon me whilst she fastened the other upon
the glass of wine she held up to the lamp. "She's in no condition to be questioned. I ache all over with rubbing her. She's quite a the body; I and another lifted it streaming ache all over with rubbing her. She's quite a lily of a woman. Had she risen alongside and soaked white burden, we made for the ship fish's tail where her pretty feet are, you might The woman was dressed in white—muslin, I talk to me of sea-goddesses with a grave face."

She nodded, and we parted company, I to turn in and snore through four roasting dream

less hours of my watch below.

When I turned out in the morning I found a fine sailing wind blowing; the barque, all aslant from the wet and flashing gold of her sheathing to the cloud-like breast of royal that crowned the central spire of her three shining heights, was washing through it in thunder, crushing the white foam out ahead of her to half her own length with every curtsey; then, as it were, leaping the rich dazzle of yeast sheer nor distortion; the eyelids were nearly shut, into the blue rolling brine beyond till it roared but I witnessed no glazing of death in the grane of the porcelain-like slips of white

ye-lashes.

thrown a mattress into the "If the lady's out of one of the tea wagons,"

"we should be able to put her aboard her own ship pretty smartly at this. We're in her wake—that must be; the body, you see—it's no longer a body, but a handsome girl, by the way should prove the course steered by the two ships the same,"
"How is she this morning, sir ?"

Why, pretty middling-almost well, I

should think. Keep a lookout for anything At breakfast that morning, the captain hav-

ing left the table, I talked with Mrs. Godbold about the lady we had picked up.
"She is very reserved," said she, "and I believe we are not going to get any information out of her."

" She calls herself Eveleen Cole. She wears a wedding ring. She's sweetly pretty indeed, and I wish she would tell me how it happened. It comes to me she's been the victim of vioe. It entered my head last night, and I

"What's her name ?" I asked.

told Captain Carter so. I don't know why I should think it, I'm sure." What do you say to suicide?" said I. She crooked her eyebrows and humped her

boulders, slowly wagging her head.
"Sleep walking, then?" I said. The kind soul eyed me thoughtfully, and

Well, then, Mrs. Godbold," said I, laughing softly and speaking quietly, for the woman's cabin was almost abreast of my seat, "won't the easiest solution prove the true one? It's commonly so in most conundrums. Let's have it, ma'am, that she fell overboard just as you

"She has no pockets," said Mrs. Godbold, with a smile that was like saying I hear you; there's nothing on her but the wedding ring, a rather poor diamond ring, and a keeper, and

"Won't she give the name of her ship?" "Not she!"

"How long was she overboard?"
"Well, now, I asked that question, too. watched her strain her face with the struggle to remember. It was genuine. She would answer that if she could. Her reply was, 'It was growing dark, I think, when I—when I—' and then she stopped and turned horribly white, and her eves swam, and I caught a shocking look of grief just as she rounded her face over to the ship's wall.'

"Well," said I, "she'll have to take you into her confidence, I don't doubt, long before we are up with the Cape. Only think of two women locked up in a ship, one with a secret which t'other knows is a secret. How long

need one scratch before the mole blinks?"

As I might justly consider I had saved the lady's life, I was naturally curious to see her. I was forced to wait, however. But on the afternoon of the fourth day following her rescue, on leaving the deck to go to my berth I saw her sitting in the cabin with Mrs. Godbold. Of course I knew she must be the person we had picked up, yet I certainly should not have recognized her from mere memory of the deathly face of the body I had helped carry

to a berth. When I showed myself at the foot of the companion steps, Mrs. Godbold said something to her companion, and there rose from the cushioned locker as charming a young woman as ever my seafaring eyes had rested on. Her hair was quite glorious; a magnificent heap of golden coils, with a fluffing of it over her white brows, so that the skin there took a peculiar beauty of color, as though you saw it through a delicate woven golden veil. Her hair was indeed a grace, and the first thing I always was pretty, scarcely beautiful, though Mrs. Godbold thought her so. She had soft, blue eyes, well fringed; her white teeth glanced like light itself when she parted her lips ; the hues of her skin promised richness, a summer glow, something to carry the fancy to orchards and milkmaids, when all should be well with her health and heart; but there was that in the chiseling of her nose, and in the over defined projection of her mouth, which somehow called a halt to the first enthusiastic march of admiration, making delight pause, as though there was no soul, no spring of passion in what you looked at. Her figure was uncommonly good: I spied that quickly, despite the dressing gown Mrs. Godbold had lent her, girdled into a very pretty waist by a colored rope of silk.

She stretched out her hands, and, with a slight North-country accent, thanked me for her

shuddering lift of her shoulders, "if you had not seen me lying, like the reflection of a star, upon the water?

"That's how I described it," said I, letting my eyes fall from the full blue melting lights of hers, so embarrassingly fixed and impassioned poor devil of a sailor, whose experience of the sex set him miles to leeward when it came to talking to

She resumed her seat beside Mrs. Godbold. I observed a sudden hardening of her face, as though, having slackened away a trifle in order to thank me, she had hove taut and short afresh—got behind the window of her coun-

tenance, in a word, and pulled the blind down.
"If this breeze lasts," said I, drawing out some pluck for myself from her composed and settled air, "we stand to overhaul your ship, unless she should have nimbler lines than ours, which is not likely."

She slightly started, and flashed a glance at me, settling her blue eyes once again upon my face; but said nothing.
"What sort of a ship is she?" said I.

She looked a little piteously, and exclaimed, 'I would rather not answer any questions—

not even yours, though I owe you my life. "Why," said I, "don't suppose that if you are questioned it's from any motive of vulgar curiosity. If your ship's ahead and we overhaul her, the captain will put you on board."
She tightened her lips, but said nothing.

"All your clothes are in your ship," said I, speaking with a sense of right; for I felt I had some claim upon this woman's candor, and her reticence was a violence to one's sense of kindness, and, in its way, an affront to us who were her deliverers. "You doubtless have friends there, too, who would be as much rejoiced as bunk, and we laid the body upon it. I then said he, with a proud look aloft and around, astounded at sight of you. But how are we to



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"I wouldn't return to her-" she broke off with a strange gesture of her hands in her lap, as though she was washing them.

"It's no business of ours, my dear, of course," said Mrs. Godbold, scothingly yet with an interrogative twist in her note, "but I would only have you consider, if you won't tell us who you are, or drop any hint as to what friends you may have in England, what are you to do when you arrive?"

"I shall give no trouble when we get home," she exclaimed.

"No. I didn't mean that quite-" said Mrs. Godbold.
"I have friends, and—, oh, I wish you

wouldn't question me!" she cried; and clap-ping her hands to her face, she rocked herself, oaning a little.

I took notice of her rings : the wedding-ring was thick, the jeweled one nothing very won derful. They were white, plump hands, per-haps not so highly finished as her hair and eyes made you wish. She looked an uncom nonly sweet young person, as she sat with he face half hidden, her fingers buried in the gold about her brow, her hair full of yellow gle glancing from the steady sunshine that was showering through the skylight and rippling in the polished bulkheads—But Lord! how should a plain sailor know how to describe a man? Still, she was quite too choice morsel for the sharks, which had mercifully left her unvisited, though more than one black, wet fin had followed, like the tip end of a scythe, in our wake a couple of days before; thought of having saved her, as I rounded on my heel, with a short bow to Mrs. Godbold, and made for my cabin, leaving the pretty creature rocking herself, her face hidden, and a yellow sheen trembling about her hair, as though every fibre were a ray of light.

(Concluded Next Week.

The Czar's Adventure With a Bear.

Although no particular friend of sport, Alex ander decided to follow up the traces of two bears which had been discovered near the vil-lage of Tokrovo. He was accompanied by a numerous suite. It so happened that one of the bears sent him spinning on the ground without, however, doing him an injury, and the animal fell dead, being killed by one of his followers about a hundred yards off. Alexander is reported to have said : "The beast seemed quite au fait in the manners and customs of the court, for he did not stop when he came up to me, as he had not been introduced." The bystanders hardly dared to smile, for they were convinced of the existence of a Nihilist plot among the bears.—Il Corriere di Napoli,

The Force of Habit.

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conservative mothers care for no change, and sen sibly prefer an abundance of these in varieties of including some of white and pale-tinted India silks -to a limited a elaborate gowns. For misses and young girls there is a great variety of coats, ranging from short jack ets to long redin-gotes. The boucle and other rough. heavy and cloths are used for these,

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in many fancy mixtures. The brown boucle in many rancy mixtures. The orowin obtacts trimmed with beaver is very handsome, as is also a long green coat trimmed with gray fox; while for a brunette nothing could be more becoming than a dark red and black garment of a heavy diagonal weave, trimmed with black Hercules braid. Many coats have from three to seven overlapping skirts, sometimes cut in circle shape and sometimes following the seams of the bodice part. The style with three of these skirts is the most effective, as when they are cut very narrow they have the effect of folds.



This pretty gown for "after school" wear is of pearl-gray crepon trimmed with white lace insertion laid over black ribbon. skirt is The straight breadthe and measures about three yards round. The corsage is slightly fulled over a fitted lining, nd the back is like the front. The neck is finished with a puff of satin the color of the rlobon belt. model for all soft and pliable

fabrics.

Very stylish is a little frock for a girl of from five to eight years, which is alike in back and front. It is made of plaid or of striped repped wool, with black ground barred or striped with white and bright yellow silk. Black faced cloth is used for a yoke with square epaulettes and for the close lower sleeves. Black silk galloon woven in three thick cords is the trim-ming on the collar, yoke, epaulettes and aleeves. Black repped wools with half inch

stripes of turquoise blue or cherry-color are used for similar frocks. A guimpe dress for girls of five or ten years is of gray-blue serge, trimwith black Hercules braid, and worn with a guimpe of nainsook or of surah silk. The plain round waist nooked in the back Is cut down in a V in front above the braid trimming, balloon sleeves. 2/0

skirt, when made for a girl of eight years, has two and a half breadths of the serge. The galloon or braid forms the belt, edges the collar, and is crossed on the front of the waist, then falls in two rows down each side of the skirt, where it is tacked to keep it in place, and is fringed at the foot. This gown is also made of tan sibeline with brown braid, and of bright red hop-sacking trimmed with black galloop.

For young girls of fourteen years one of the prettiest dremass of the season is made of shot terra cotta serge, with a yoke of faced cloth of plain terra cotta trimmed with black silk gal-

loon. A new feature is the basque cut circular in front, with jabot ends in the back, and sewed to the belted round waist. The waist is pleated to the belt in front and back, is plain at the top in front, and full in the back. The yoke with triple points in front and square back is also new. Long soft puffs at the top of the sleeves are of the changeable serge, with close lower sleeves of plain cloth binded with galloon. The collar and belt are covered with galloon. The straight skirt three yards and a quarter wide is gathered to the waist and deeply hemmed. A guimpe frock with half-high round neck is for girls of six or eight years. It has a plain round waist with an Eton jacket outlined on the front with black galloon, while the back is quite plain. A deep pelerine or shoulder ruffle is of faille ribbon in two breadths herring-boned together, the lower one finished with purline. The gown is of black and red wool, and the silk ruftle of dark cardinal color. An 1830 coat for girls of three to five years is of red bengaline warmly lined and bordered with brown fur. The front is double breasted and plain, while the back falls in full folds between the deep cape that gives the garment its name. The sleeves are very full at the top and close below.

Coats and jackets show greater variety than for many seasons past, while they are so attrac-tive that the most fastidious can find no difficulty in being suited. There is also great variety in capes, which have lost none of their favor; but naturally, when the coats are equally pretty and chic, the capes will not be so universally chosen as last winter. For children especially, coats are the best choice, for they should have the freedom of movement afforded by the sleeves, and also their warmth.

One pretty coat is of chestnut brown boucle cloth, heavy, soft and warm, with full collar ette, high collar, and cuffs of dark brown plush.

A trim effect is given to the fronts without darts, and the skirt in the back is moderately

This cunning little gown is of soft, pale blue cashmere, trimmed with bands of Russian em broidery, which many mothers like to prepare in the long sum mer days. The

skirt is straight and moderately full. The waist is gathered over a fitted lining, both back and front, and can be worn over a guimpe or made high in the

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Mrs. Kirkpatr'ck's Wednesday afternoon re ception was attended by General Herbert and Captain Streatfield, A.D.C. A few verbal invitations to "come in for a cup of tea" swelled the usual Wednesday throng. Among the later comers I noticed: Judge Kingsmill and Mrs. Kingsmill, Judge McMahon and Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Nordheimer, the Misses Yar-ker, Col. and Mrs. Otter, Miss Kate Merritt, Col. Turnbuli, Mrs. Ebor Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Forrestor, Capt. Lessard, Mr. and Mrs. Mac culoch, the Misses Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grasett, Mr. and Mrs. Melfort Boulton, Miss Boulton, the Misses Grace and Amy Boulton, Mr. Furness of Quebec, Capt. Gilpin Brown, Miss Nordheimer, Mrs. Barwick, Miss Hodgins and Miss Hugel.

Miss Hewett is spending the winter with her ister, Mrs. Arthur Grasett, on Simcoe street.
Miss Hewett is the daughter of General Hewett, who, as Colonel Hewett, will be re-membered as late commandant of the Royal Military College at Kingston. General Hewett, since leaving Canada, has been stationed at Plymouth, but has lately been appointed to the command of the Royal Engineers at the "Sapper" headquarters at Chatham.

Colonel Bazette, R.A., and Mrs. Bazette, of Portsmouth, England, are staying with friends on Simcoe street.

The Saturday riding parties organized generally by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kerr, the Misses Beardmore, and Mr. Lawrie, R. C. T., have, as usual, been an important feature of the autumn season. On two Saturdays these rides have season. On two Saturdays these rides have taken the form of paper-chases, while last Saturday the Toronto Hunt Club were fallen in with. On this occasion a somewhat surprising incident concluded an excellent run -surprising because sportsmen are usually not ungallant. A lady who is not a regular follower of the hunt had been in at the death of the fox close upon the heels of a member of the club, who by right of being first was entitled to the To the surprise of his fellow members he did not at once offer his prize to the lady, nor did he do so (and then so ungraciously as to secure refusal) until he had met with remonstrance more forcible than polite from his brother sportsmen.

Amongst the ladies and gentlemen who puraued the hare and followed the hounds, and aued the nare and followed the hounds, and on Thursday saw the sham-fight from horse-back were: Miss Beardmore, the Misses Jones, Mr. Stinson, Mr. K. Dixon, Mr. Shanly, the Misses Dixon, Colonei Grasett, Mr. D Alton McCarthy, Mr. Lally McCarthy, Colonel Turnbull, Captain Lessard and Mr. Forrester of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Mr. Ben Cronyn, Mr. Boulton, Colonel and Mrs. Sweny, Dr. Macdonald. Miss Jones had what looked like a bad fall. She was dragged some distance by her habit, but happily no serious conse quences resulted.

The Fencing Master, bright and tuneful, with scenery that has rarely been surpassed here, and with its charming dances and dresses, not to mention its multi-colored tights and their contents, and the splendid figure and rare grace of movement of the Fencing Master herself, was sure to be a fashionable draw at the Grand Opera House. On Saturday night, as usual, there was a great falling off in the appearance of the audience, but on every other evening the house was as smart in front as behind, although not quite in the same particular way. For some unknown reason Friday is always a popular night at the play with the beau-monde. Last Friday was undoubtedly the gala evening of the week. The opera was begun sufficiently late to give some of many theater-parties an opportunity to get to their seats. Surely 8 30 is early enough for the commencement of any opera—since opera is always fashionable. On Friday The Fencing Master was played with great increase of "snap" and verve, for which the brilliance of the house and especially of the boxes probably accounted. Among Mrs. Ebor Ward's guests, whose party occupied the four boxes on the "prompt" side of the stage, I noticed General Herbert and Captain Streatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dickson, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Miss Hodgins, Mr. Il Thomas, the Misses Hall of Montreal, and Mrs. Fitzgibbon. The last named lady wore a pale gray satin dress, with violets, some of which found their way to the corsage of Madame Mapleson. Mrs. Ward's gown of blue and yellow silk, with brown lace, was also admirably becoming. In other parts of the house I saw Mrs. Frager Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Barwick, Miss Riordan, Miss Arthurs, Miss May Arthurs, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Stimson, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Colonel and Mrs. Sweny, the Misses Beatty, Mr. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Dr. Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. Montizambert, Mr. G. T. Blackstock, Mr. Ward of Port Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon.

After the opera on Friday evening Mrs. Ebor Ward entertained her theater party. whose number had been augmented from more than one dinner-party, at supper in McConkey's private rooms. A permanent private and separ the way, would add greatly, so I am told, to the popularity of these same

I hear that the management of the Grand Opera House have at last decided to build a portico under which their patrons may enter the house from carriages, without being exposed to the full fury of the winter elements. Anyone who has seen the passage of silk or satin shod feet across the streaming pavement on such a night as Tuesday of last week, for instance, will have wondered that so obvious a necessity has been till now dispensed with.

It was at my suggestion some years agn in

tory accommodation. The smoking-room which I advocated has not yet been attained to, but a very small matter to which I may now draw the attention of these purveyors of the public pleasure, is the necessity of providing adjustable screens to guard the eyes of the occupants of the boxes fro glare of the footlights, and of shading the incandescent light above the boxes with pink or some color that will make it less trying to the complexion of those who sit beneath it. To every woman there comes a time when such precautions are of importance.

The game of Living Whist, which was presented for the first time in Toronto on Wednes day evening, was a very bright and interesting entertainment. The performance passed off without a hitch and every credit is due to the many performers who have so patiently and carefully studied the various dances and marches which were given. Of course some were "to the manor born," as the saying is,
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marvelous and grace, while others found it labor as was spid. enced by their careful and anxious expression. Those clever girls, the Misses Clara and Emily Brown, whose dancing in Dramas last year was so artistic, with Messrs. Brown and Sparling, composed the first trick, and

danced a waltz minuet. The Misses Gussie Dixon and Carrie Rowland, with Messrs, Noxon and Rowland, danced the Frauenlist in the second trick; the Misses Macfarlane and Messrs. Arthur Stringer and A. Little gave a very graceful dance, La Favorita, in the third trick; Miss Bonnel and Messrs.
T. H. Hall and M. J. Taylor, with Mrs. Bert Brown, danced Aurora for the fourth trick. The fifth trick was a pretty hornpipe danced seul by Mr. Cleveland Hall, and en trois by the Misses Eva Gooderham. Ada Blackwood and Mr. A. F. Nicoll; the Highland Fling was very neatly danced by the Misses Blachford and Grundy and the Messrs. Lucas for the sixth The seventh trick was very prettily trick. danced as a Bolera, by Miss Rogers and Miss Mamie Smith, and Messrs. R. D. Stovel and D. H. Macdonald. The eighth trick brought another solo dancer, who proved to be Mr. Rex Stovel, who is on a visit to Toronto to take this part, and Misses McDermid and Trixle Smith, with Mr. W. S. Pridham. The ninth trick was danced as a minuet by the Misses Shanley and Messrs. Arthur Sweatman

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and K. H. Cameron. The tenth trick was a Sadowa, a species of Varsuvienne, danced by the Misses Taylor and Messrs. Willis and Catto. The eleventh trick was a peculiar and pretty dance called "grotesque," with a solo by Mr. Hamilton Bendelari and a trio by the Mi ses Cowan and Turner, and Mr. Louis Gibson. A polka français by Misses Wilson and Arnoldi and Messrs. Gault and Arnoldi formed the twelfth trick. The final trick was a very

graceful dance. La Commande, by Misses Alice Dixon and Edith Heward, and Mr. Blachford with Mr. Fred Bendelari, who as the Jack of Diamonds danced, as did the three other Jacks, a pas seul. Some very pretty faces were among the ladies chosen and some of the dancers were pictures of easy grace. Mr. Fred Baker, as the undesired joker, took his rebuffs in good part, and was funny in expression and antics. Fioral tributes were presented to several of the ladies, and a vegetarian bouquet was tossed to Mr. Baker. Some smart people were in the audience on Wednesday evening in spite of the downpour of rain. The Government House party included the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Capt. and Miss Kirkpatrick and Master Eric Kirkpatrick. In the gallery were: Lady Gzowski, Mr. and Mrs. Gzowski, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patterson and Mrs. Drury, Mr. and the Misses Gooderham, Mrs. Smith, Miss Phemis Smith, Miss Lee, Mr. Robert Christic and Miss Emma Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and Miss Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and Miss McKinnon, Mrs. Irving Walker, Messrs. Walker, Judge and Mrs. McDougall, Miss Mc-Dougall, Mrs. Robert Gooderham, Miss Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. John Caw-thra; while downstairs I noticed: Col. and Mrs. Davidson, Major and Mrs. J. D. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott, Dr. Lehmann, Mr. Ormiston Mr. and Miss Heward, Col. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Oliver and party, and many others Mr. George Dunstan recited an explanatory prologue in a clear and pleasant manner, and Messrs. Macfarlane, Daggan, Dunstan and Fisher played the hands.

Cards are out for a tea at Glen Allen on Richmond street west, where some of our smart bachelors will entertain their lady friends this afternoon.

Mrs. Graham's residence on Hazelton avenue was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on the eve of Thanksgiving. Miss Graham made a charming hostess. Among the invited guests noticed were: Miss Clara Henderson, who looked well in pale blue trimmed with silver braid; Miss Beamisb, who were green silk with lace, and many others.

Mr. C. E. Maddison and Mr. W. H. Banks of the Western Assurance Company have just re turned from their shooting club on Lake Eric and report the duck very plentiful, having killed between three and four hundred, nearly all mallards.

Capt. H. F. Hooper (late of H.M. 76th regi ment) and Mrs. Hooper of Fermoy Lodge, Rosedale, sail to-day by the Cunard steamship these columns that the management referred Umbria, for Eugland, where they will spend to above provided proper cloak room and laval this winter and the spring of 94. The captain and Mrs. Hooper will probably pass the Christmas holidays at that fine old watering place, Bath, where Miss Filkes Hooper, a sister of Captain Hooper, resides. Their many friends n Canada wish them both a happy visit to the Motherland.

Hon. Lyman M. Jones has returned from a three months' visit in Europe and intends wintering at the Queen's Hotel. Mrs. and Miss Jones remained on the continent, where they will spend the winter months, going to Switzerland next summer and returning to Toronto in the early autumn.

Mrs. Palin of Gloucester street gave a very pleasant tea on Monday afternoon. Among those present were: Mrs. and Miss DesBarres Mrs. Pangman, Miss Carey, Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. MacMahon, Mrs. Creelman and others.

The faculty and students of Trinity Medical College gave their seventeenth annual dinner at the Rossin House last evening, and, as usual, the occasion passed off with considerable eclat.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mannell of the Tren House have issued cards for an At Home to the guests of the Tremont on December 7, when, judging by past experience, a very pleasant evening will be spent.

On Wednesday of last week at half-past on Wednesday of fast week at hair-past welve, in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, Miss Edith Allen, daughter of Mr. William F. Allen, ex mayor of Bowmanville, and Mr. George Brown Ball of Toronto were married. The bride wore a most becoming gown of cream faille trimmed with chiffon; the bridesmaids, the Misses Margaret and Carrie Allen, wore quaint gowns of pink silk trimmed with black lace insertion, and smart black Napoleon hats with bunches of pink feathers, and carried enormous bouquets of pink chrys-anthemums. The little maid of honor, Miss Marian Mactavish of Park Hill, niece of the groom, looked very sweet in a white velvet frock and big felt hat and feathers; the best man, Mr. P. B. Ball of Toronto, and the ushers, Messrs. W. L. Allen of Chatham, J. Neil Gordon, Victor Hutcheson, and Arthur E. McLaughlin of Toronto, wore boutonnieres of white chrysanthemums. The ceremony was per formed by Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A. Rev. W. S. Ball of Toronto, father of the groom, after which the wedding party drove to Drumralla, the residence of Mr. Allen, where the happy couple received the best wisnes of their friends and the guests sat down to an elaborate breakfast. The popularity of the bride was shown by the many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Ball left on the afternoon train for Montreal and the Eastern Provinces.

Miss Martha Smith, B.E., assisted by Miss Edith J. Miller and Miss Julia McBrien, gives s very tempting programme at Association Hall next Tuesday evening. The evening will be notably an exclusively feminine effort; as for the male performers, "They never will be for the male performers, "They never will be missed." One of Miss Smith's readings is the Race with the Storm, from Lew Wallace's new book, The Prince of India.

The French Club meets this evening at the home of Mrs. H. Bourlier, 102 Wellesley street. M. Masson will give a short lecture on the life and works of Alexander Dumas, and at subsequent meetings each work of this celebrated author will be taken up separately.

Mrs. G. W. Badgerow, formerly of Avenue road, is now residing at No. 15 Elgin avenue.

A quiet wedding took place in St. Andrew's A quiet weading took place in St. Andrews A quiet weading took place in St. Andrews when Miss Lottle Healey, daughter of Mr. George Healey, and Mr. G. Gordon Christie, son of Mr. Robert Christie, Inspector of Mr. Robert Christie, Inspector of Mr. Robert Christie, Inspector of Mr. Prisons, etc., were married, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell officiating. The bride looked charming in a travelling gown of golden brown with pale pink and dark brown velvet trimmings, with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Lillias Healey, sister of the bride, and the groomsman, the groom's brother, Mr. Tom Christie. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome presents and left on the four o'clock train for Detroit, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Dr. J. O. and Mrs. Orr were among the guests at the Guildhall banquet on the inauguration of the Right Hon. George Robert Tyler as Lord Mayor of London.

Miss Pauline Johnson left yesterday for the East in order to give a number of recitals be-fore Indian and historical associations in Boston, Salem, Cambridge, Beverley and other points. She has been tendered a reception at the Vendome Hotel, Boston, and one at the Harvard Annex. The Boston papers contain sketches of the poet elocutionist.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings left for Monteal on Wednesday of last week to visit the Countess of Aberdeen at Montreal, where her Excellency is a guest at the Windsor Hotel.

Mr. Yoshimori T. Salto, the clever young Japanese artist, has completed a charming Canadian landscape for the Emperor of Japan. The name of the picture is Meadow Creek, and shows an autumn rural scene, with a couple of Canadian birches almost stripped of foliage, and a busy creek meandering and foaming over earthy bed and impeding boulders. The picture will be on exhibition at Ellis's art room, King street east, along with several others of the artist's works, after Tuesday next.

Mrs. Lount of 144 St. George street will be At Home to receive her many friends on Tues day, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Mrs. Frank Caverbill of Montreal spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Higgins, 17 Elm Grove avenue.

Amongst the galeties of Thanksgiving Day was a dinner and dance at Weston. A large party which had been organized by Mrs. Scott Griffon, Mrs. W. Dixon, and Mrs. Montizambert, drove to the Eagle hotel in two large breaks, and did not return to town till the small hours were becoming large.

There is no better occasion for a five o'clock tea than the afternoon of a holiday. Especially is this so when the "five o'clock" is not allowed to expand into a crowded reception. A hostess can receive en menage or en menagerie.

Mrs. A. H. Campbell prefers the former method, and hence it is that the charming rooms and halls of Carbrook have been the scene on many a former Thanksgiving Day and Easter Monday, as on Thursday last, of the most successful "teas."

The officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoon with facile princeps Lieut. Colonel Turnbull, have been an acquisition to Toronto society. The latter officer left for Quebec this week on a month's leave. It is possible that on his return Colone! Turnbull may be accompanied by Mrs. Turnball.

Sir William Howland gave large dinners on Friday and Saturday of last week. Amongst Sir William's guests were': His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ebor Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Blacksteck, Mr. and Mrs. Nordheimer, Dr. Myer, Colonel Turnbull, Dr. Strange, Miss Wells, Miss Nordheimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Merritt, and Mr. O. Howland.

Star of Bethlehem Tent No. 19 gave a splendid concert in the Auditorium, under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, last evening. A long array of foreign and native talent contributed to the evening's entertainment, and a very well eased audience was in attendance

The next social event of importance will be the Grenadiers' Assembly on Thursday evening next. The gallant red-coats are always delightful hosts, and I am told some very brilliant gowns will do honor to their hospitality. and that a very elegant function is a certainty

Mr. Harry A. Brown, one of SATURDAY NIGHT'S brightest contributors, has just left England for a year's sojourn in Dresden. Mr. Brown has been touring in the British Isles and staying in London for the past year, and has enjoyed a right royal holiday.

Mrs. Stewart has removed from 628 Euclid venue to 233 Beverley street.

The officers of the Royal Grenadiers say they are trying to acrange the invitations to their first assembly, which takes place December 7. so that there will be about an equal number of ladies and gentlemen. The Lieutenant-Gover-nor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Miss and Capt. Kirkpatrick, A.D.C., have accepted invitations to be present. The committee is using Room 6, No. 9 Toronto street, from which to issue cards, and anyone who does not receive his in time may have the matter set right at that office.

A very amusing and jolly evening is on the tapis in the shape of a smoking concert, which is arranged for the 19th, at the residence of Mr. James Crowther, Bloor street west. I am told this is to be a Hard Times Concert, and a prize awaits the society man who can make the most abject and dead-broke appearance. A quartette of ladies are to be the judges, and rumors of unshaven chins, unkempt mustaches, and un-barbered locks are making day hideous. But they probably will remain rumors, for I scarcely believe our men will make themselves as hideous as they can before four of the brightest and cleverest ladies in Toronto. We shall see

Three smart teas were given on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Becher of Sylvan Towers, Rosedale, was At Home from four to seven. Mrs. Irving of Simcoe street also had a very successful tea, and Mrs. Harry Patterson of Brunswick avenue gave a very lovely tea in honor of her guest, Mrs. Drury of Kingston, who has been in Toronto for the last ten days Mrs. Warwick of Sunnieholme gave a large tea on Friday.

It was at an afternoon tea-two ladies who know everything were discussing a recent scandal. "Does she really meet him so often there?" asked one, and a bright face came from behind a portiere and a bright voice said pleasantly, "Not quite an often, only occasionally," and the subject of their gossip dropped the curtain over their confusion and slipped smilingly into the crowd.

Mrs. Salter Vankoughnet gave a large tea on Saturday afternoon, and was assisted in receiving her guests by her daughters, Mrs. McCrae and Mrs. McKinnon, from Montreal. Mrs. Vankoughnet wore a handsome dark costume : Mrs. McCrae, a stylish gown of brown and green, and Mrs. McKinnon, a dove-gray, with silver trimming. Amongst those present were : Mrs. Arthur Vankoughnet, the Misses Sey-Continued on Page Sixteen.

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Trinity Talk.

HE football season officially finished on October 21, when the Divinity class and 95 played off the final inter-year tie. Divinity won, but only in the last few minutes, and then by one point only; but they minutes, and then by one point only that the deserved their victory. We are beginning now to realize the great benefit these inter-year matches have done, the great impetus they are giving to the game. With a comparatively small number of men to choose from, each year amain number of men to choose from, each year turned out the required team, in which were included men to a great extent novices, which goes to show the interest and spirit displayed by the men generally. There's nothing like sport and athletics as a means of binding men together, and we have every reason to believe that these inter-year matches, while they may stir up a little hard feeling for the time being. yet on the whole can be, and have been, a great incentive to college sport.

The annual football supper took place on Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. A. F. R. Martin, president of the association, in the chair. The gathering was a very select one, consisting of the members of the inter-year teams, three favored members of the faculty, and two or three others lucky enough to have secured a vacancy. The Divinity class were of course the guests of the evening, all hard feeling was put aside, and everyone did his duty to the excellent menu provided by the steward. After the inner man had been satisfied, the chairman called the assemblage to order, and presented the prizes won at the annual games to the several lucky ones. In presenting the championship medal to W. R. Wadsworth, the chairman congratulated him on the splendid showing made by him in the games, and also the year of which he was a member, our '94, both for the success of the individual members and also for winning the team race. The toast of the Divinity Football Team was congratulatory manner, and the handsome cup, of which he is the donor, presented to the champions. Cap ain Chadwick, on behalf of champions. Cap ain Chanwicz, on benair of this team, modestly replied in a few well chosen and fitting remarks. The toast of the faculty was then proposed by F. DuMoulin, B.A., in a very comprehensive and well received speech. Prof. Rigby responded to the toast in the speech of the evening, returned thanks on behalf of the faculty, and referred to the pleasant feeling existing between the profes-nors and students, and characterized the feeling of the students towards their university as being specially loyal. The other toasts were: Class of '94, proposed by the chairman, responded to by H. N. Sanders; '95, responded to by A. N. DePencier; the captain and excaptain of the football team, by H. V. Hamilton '94, responded to by H. S. Southam '95, and H. B. Robertson '94; the freshmen, by W. L. Baynesof the students towards their university as Reed, responded to by D. Rogers '96, and lastly, the Queen. At different times during the evening songs were given by Prof. Huntingford and Messrs. McMurrich, Ballard, Warbrick, Fietcher, Tremayne, Reed, S'arr, DePencier, Troop, and Belcher, several of the songs rendered being of a local and topical nature, showing that there is latent poetical talent of a high order in the college which only needs developing. Metagona and Auld Lang Syne in the hall brought a most enjoyable evening to

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After a steady search for a suitable play and due deliberation on the subject, the Dramatic Club have decided upon the Scrap of Paper, which in all probability will be presented at the Grand about the end of January. The play hit upon is fairly well known, so the club has no light task before it, but with the splendid record of last year to fall back upon and with the best stage management that can be procured, we have every reason to foreshadow success. The performness will be in aid of the Athletic Association. and this coupled with the fact that some of Toronto's fairest are to take the ladies' part argues well for the undertaking.

The course of lectures on Dante, delivered by Prof. Clark, was finished on Saturday last, adding another to the many series of lectures that have been delivered by this popular and learned gentleman, to Toronto audiences. The attendance at the last few lectures has been very good, and the only fair attendance at first may be ascribed to the fact that the lectures were held on Saturday, when even intellectual Toronto could not subdue their animal nature and flocked to the football

The usual weekly meeting of the Literary Institute took place on Friday of last week, F. Du Moulin, B.A., president, in the chair. Mr. H. M. Little's motion re debates was laid debate was :- Resolved, that Men and Women should be Enfranchised alike. The affirma-tive, Mesers. McCallum, '94, and Cooper, '96; the negative, Mesers. Troop, M.A., and Cattanach, '94 The negative won by a very narrow m rgin. The debate was amusing and at the same time interesting. A. Dyment, '96, read an exhaustive essay on Music, and Messrs. H. S. Bucke, '94, and McMurrich, '95, were the readers for the evening. RED AND BLACK.

Victoria Vagaries.

HE professors as well as the under graduates have been sufferers from the epidemic familiarly known as the Chicago cold that has been visiting the colleges with such dire results. We regret that the Chancellor is quite ill, as his absence is soon felt in college life. During the essions of the Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance, his place was taken by Prof. Badg-

Victoria seems to have been a veritable Jonah Two of our team played with the Riversides against 'Varsity, and as a result of the protest lodged by the latter the Riversides were disqualified. Now, last week, 'Varsity was in turn disqualified for having one of our men on team. The only remedy seems to be to enter the league ourselves, but, as the boys say, inimus campus renders this impossible.

The Conversazione Committee has been issuing the invitations all week and has almost completed the list. At its regular meeting it was decided that Academic full dress should be the order of the evening. The Union Literary Society has decided to carpet Alumni Hall, add desks and seats, and, indeed, make it a model society room. The members are trying to have everything in readiness before

The boys at college tamiliarly known as "preachers' sons" are taking a lively interest in the movement in the city to have a great banquet in February at which the guests will be those gentlemen now resident in the city whose fathers either are or were Methodist

Some of the delegates who recently visited us were considerably surprised when they found that the little theological school of their imagination developed on closer view into a rather good-sized, commodious Arts college with as jolly and public-spirited a crowd of boys as can be found anywhere. Wesley's Sermons and Fletcher's Checks are not our

The Victoria Chess Club was hospitably entertained last Saturday evening by the librarian. A very pleasant time was spent and various college matters came up for dis-

There is a powerful movement on foot to establish a chapter of a Greek Letter fraternity in our college. BLUE AND BLACK.

'Varsity Chat.

HE 'Varsity lecture rooms during the Thanksgiving season were almost deserted, owing to the stronger attractions of the home turkey. It is a pleasant little break in the monotony of lectures and "plug-ging" to be able to throw them overboard and take the train for Home, Sweet Home. The student is refreshed by more wholesome fare, a short season's rest and the happy renewal of home acquaintanceship, and the four weeks remaining till Christmas seem like two. The students are all back again now and the change can be seen quite plainly in brighter eyes, rosier cheeks and quicker steps along the corridor. Even residence men I hear profited by the Thanksgiving good cheer.

Last week's Literary Society was devoted to the discussion of The Constitution. To the graduates of Toronto University, to the men who have gone through campaign after cam-paign of stern and doubtful conflict, that statement recalls scenes ghastly and terrible. The battles fierce that have been fought over that bone of contention would fill a history. What party names it calls to mind—Federals, Out-siders, Unionists, Alma Maters, Progress and Purity—all these have been bandled to and fro over the floor of the "Lit." in days gone by and all in upholding the integrity of the sacred constitution. And yet how vain was all their cunfilet is seen in the transactions of last Constitution night. Old precedents were over-thrown, time-honored rights disregarded, and sacred institutions trampled in the dust. The medicals were expelled with hardly a dissent-

The clause forbidding the discussion of Cana dian party politics was canceled and radical changes made in the Constitution of the Col-lege journal. The 'Varsity is now directly under the control of the Literary Society and thus no recurrence of last year's events regarding The 'Varsity can occur.

By the way, The 'Varsity seems to be getting along swimmingly. At a meeting held this week the directorate considered the question of improving the appearance of the journal by using the best grade of white paper and replacing the present cover with another in heavy tinted paper. A special illustrated Christmas number is also under consideration, with the front page to be embellished with an artistic College design.

The men who have for the past few weeks been wasting their energies in opposing the council in the latter's action regarding "The Shed," have now to more purpose addressed themselves to collecting the fifteen dollars. After all it would have been better if they had done this at first; they certainly did injury to College property and should be willing to go down in their pockets and pay for it.

The First Session of the Mock Parliament in the University is under way under the premierof S T Molann 'M with B A C leader of the Opposition. Early in the week the speech from the throne was distributed and it certainly is a comprehensive instrument, em bracing everything from an Intermediate Court of Superior Jurisdiction to the prohibition of the wholesale destruction of canned fish and a close season for sealing wax. The Cabinet is as follows: -Premier and President of the Council, S. J. McLean; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, C. C. Stewart; Minister of Justice, W. M. Boultbee; Minister of Public Works, T. H. Greenwood; Minister of Finance, A. Clark; Minister of Agriculture, T. M. Wilson: Minister of Railways and Canals, W E. McPherson: Minister of Trade and Com merce, O. E. Culbert; Minister of Militia and Defence, E. Gillis: Minister of the Interior, D O'C. De Lury; Secretary of State, R W. Allin Postmaster-General, A. R. Clute; Solicitor General, C. P. Megan; Controller of Customs J. T. Inkater. The adoption of the speech from the throne will be moved by E. C. Dingman and seconded by H. Hewish.

Mr. C. D. Barr, captain of the Cornell Rugby Football Team, spent Thanksgiving with his brother, A. F. Barr, '96, in University Resi-

The Modern Language Club held a French meeting last Monday afternoon in the college building. The authors Halevy and Ponsard were treated in essays by Misses N. and H. Darling and Messrs, Murray and Cram. A unique feature of the meeting was a French speech by President Lingelbach.

The 'Varsity Rughy Club held their annual election of officers on Monday, and the following are next year's officers: President, T. McCrae, are next year's officers: President, T. McCrae, B.A.; vice-president, R. D. W. McMillan; secretary, D. B. Macdonald; treasurer, A. F. Barr; councillors, W. H. Cronyn, H. G. Kingston, W. R. White, A. C. Kingston, J. Counsell, A. Campbell, Messra. George Clayes and K. D. W. McMillan were chosen to represent 'Varsity at the annual meeting of the Rugby Union to be held eart week. Union to be held next week.

Mr. George Clayes left on Tuesday for New York to witness the Yale-Princeton game to be played on Thursday, American Thanksgiving

It Was Ever Thus.









Some Droll Verdicts.

It may not be generally known to Englishmen that the law regarding Scots juries differ materially from that of the English. Not only does a bare majority in Scotland decide a prisoner's innocence or gullt, but the Scots juries have the choice of a third verdict, viz., "Not proven," and it is on record that a jury once returned the verdict, "Gullty, but "not

Our English readers, however, must not run away with the idea that Scots jurymen have a monopoly of stupidity. More than one English jury has declared a prisoner guilty, but recom-mended him to mercy on the ground that "they weren't quite sure that he did it;" while a Cardigan jury once found a man guilty of the crime of arson, with £20 damages.

Another dozen of "good men and true" were trying a man for murder, and as they were apparently confused with the counsel's arguments the judge explained that if they were not satisfied they could find the prisoner guilty of manslaughter, just as they could on an indictment for child murder find a woman guilty of concealing the birth. This intelligent body of men withdrew, deliberated for a long time, and returned into court with a verdict finding the man guilty of concealing the birth

of the deceased ! In the case of a woman being tried for the murder of her infant, a South Wales jury ap peared to be paying the closest attention, but what was the surprise to all present when, after all the evidence had been heard, counsel on both sides had spoken, and the judge had summed up, the foreman addressed the judge

"My lord, I wish to say I am the only man on the jury who understands a word of

English."
At that stage of the proceedings nothing could be done but go on, so the foreman explained the case to his colleagues, and, needless to say, the woman was acquitted.—Tit-Bits.

The Reward of Honesty

A Paris cabman found a splendid turbot that A Paris caoman found a splending terror terror terror terror to the Commissary of Police. "Very good, my friend," said the latter; "come back again in a year and a day, and if, in the meantime, the turbot has not been claimed, it shall be yours."

—La Croix.

Sixteen Times Married.

Of all the extraordinary stories of female adventuresees, the account of the career of Golden Hand, a Russian woman recently condemued to Siberia for life, reads most like an effort of fiction.

Remarkably attractive and good-looking, and speaking fluently Russian, Roumanian German, French and English, she had been married sixteen times and in turn ran away from each of her husbands, carrying off every

thing upon which she could lay her hands.
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CHAPTER XXXVII.

In spite of Mrs. Hyde's lamentations and remonstrances, therefore, Helen went up to town and made arrangements to enter the hospital almost immediately; but when the decision was finally made there came upon her like a cloud the consciousness of one thing which she had yet to do, and that was to tell the new rector and his family that she was leaving Redwood. The Beilby children were by this time so much attached to her, and she was so fond of them, that the thought of part ing from them was a sore trial to her; but it had to be faced. She walked over to the Rectory one afternoon when she knew that Mr. Beilby was likely to be away from home, and sought out Fanny in the pretty, quaintly furnished drawing-room, where once Helen and her mother had reigned supreme, and where little Fanny was now mistress. But Fanny, nearly fifteen, looked much more fit for her position as lady of the house than she had been when she first entered that room as a shy child in a shabby frock, with all the cares a narrow income upon her shoulders Prosperity and country air bad done much for her, and she was by way of becoming a very pretty girl, as well as a capable housekeeper. By Helen's own advice a daily governess had been found to come from Southminster three times a week, for lessons, and Fanny made an apt pupil, though she was still in the habit of carrying all her difficulties, small and great, to her friend and adviser, Helen Drummond.

It would have given Helen a great pang to enter that room and see it occupied by strangers; but it did not grieve her very much to see the Beilbys in possession. Fanny was reverent of the past, so anxious not to wound her friend by changes, that Helen had already been obliged to suggest various improvements to her, which the girl would have thought almost sacrilegious if suggested by anyone Mr. Beilby had bought most of the Rectory furniture when he took it over, and the drawing-room looked, therefore, much as Helen had always known it, except that her tavorite pictures were gone from the walls and the old china in which her father delighted no longer adorned the Indian cabinets and old fashioned inlaid tables. These precious treasures were, as Helen knew, stowed away in haves for her own use whenever she required then; but as she looked around the old room. shorn of its former glories, she could have half wished that the china and the pictures, the other little artistic treasures which had been her mother's especial property, were back in their places, and not re-posing in carefully packed boxes in one of the attics at Redwood Hall, where they would stowed away until Helen herself wanted them.

'And I suppose it may be years before I see them again," Helen had said to herself, as she superintended the packing away of her old home possessions. It was foolish, she knew, to feel grieved over such a trifle, but the veriest knickknack had become a sort of relic, and she grudged each one to the silence and darkness in which they must now repose. Almost better, she thought, to have left them on the Rectory walls and tables, where they might at least have given pleasure to somebody's eye.

You have not been here for a long time, said Fanny, greeting her friend effusively, and making her take the most comfortable easy-chair in the room. "I have not seen you for nearly a week—but what is it, dear Miss Drum-You don't look quite well, or you are troubled about something. What is it?

"It is nothing to be troubled about," said Helen, forcing a smile. "It was only that I was thinking it would be some time before I saw this dear old room again."
"Why?" said Fanny quickly. "Are you

going away on a visit?"

I am going away, but not on a visit exactly. I daresay I shall come down now and then; and I believe I shall have a holiday in the summer.

"But I thought you were going to live at the Hall always," said Fanny, her eyes growing large and round. No, dear; I never meant to live always at

the Hall. I have not quite enough to do now, and my life seems a little empty and barren. You are old enough to understand that, I am sure, Fanny dear. I am going away to London to learn to be a nurse in a hospital, but London is not very far off, and of course I shall see tears were in Fanny's brown eyes

already, and dropping upon her cheeks, but Helen bent forward and kissed them away.
"I know you will miss me for a little while,"

she said softly, " but you will soon get over that, though I am sure you will not forget me when I am away,' "Forget you! No, indeed!" cried Fanny, "but

know what I shall do without you, dearest Miss Drummond : you have been so good to us all! And whom shall I go to now when I am in trouble and puzzled about things? I shall get into all sorts of muddles-I know I shall-when you are not here to help me."

'There are plenty of other people who will tell you what to do when you are puzzled. Go to Mrs. Hyde or Mrs. Severne; you know how kind she is, and how fond you are of her little

Oh, yes, she is very kind," said Fanny, " but not kind like you. Of course she has got Mr. Severne and the baby to think about, and you always seem to think of us first, as if we were really important to you, and not as if you were just doing a kindness. I don't know what we shall do without you-any of us.

"You must consult your father when you are in trouble," said Helen.

'Oh, that is not the same thing," said Fanny. "Men, gentlemen, you know, don't like to be bothered, and they don't always understand. should see you every day, and that it would all be so nice." Fanny's voice grew more and more dolorous as she continued, "And when-ever I was puzzled by the servants or the poor of the parish I had only to say to them, 'Miss Drummond says so and so,' and they gave in at once; and I am sure they will never give in to when you are not here to back me up. Because, you see, father says I must not behave like a little girl. I must be his helper and com panion, and the mistress of the house, and an elder sister to the children and everything, and it sometimes seems a great deal more than I know how to do."

"You will grow older every day," said Helen, "and you will find that every year makes things easier. I hope you will write to me ometimes, will you not, Fanny ?"

"If I may," said Fanny gratefully, "I will write every week and tell you how everybody is 'And all your troubles," said Helen, with

little smile Fanny's troubles seemed to her very small just then.

"Not many people know about it, do they?" the child went on, with a wistful look. "I suppose I may tell papa?"

"Certainly. Everyone knows about it by this time. It is no secret.

"There he is !" cried Fanny, starting up, as a dark figure passed the window. "I will call him in to speak to you, and then you can tell him yourself." She was out in the hall before Helen could stop her, and presently returned, leading her father by the hand. There was a touch of concern in the look he gave her, a concern which was interpreted by his words.

"Fanny tells me that we are to lose you from Redwood," he began.

"Yes, I am going to be trained as a hospital urse. I hope" said Helen, hesitatingly, that you do not disapprove?"

"Disapprove! Far from it : but I trust you are not taking up this course because you are unhappy at Redwood."

"I have been very happy indeed with Mrs. Hyde," said Helen, coloring a little, "but I feel that I have not quite enough to do here want to learn how to be useful."

"It is a good object," said Mr. Beilby

"But isn't it dreadful that Miss Drummond should go away from us?" cried Fanny. "I don't know how we shall get on without her."

" Miss Drummond has been so very kind to us all that we shall miss her very much," said Mr. Beilby, "but you must remember, Fanny, that she has something else to do beside being kind to one set of people in a country village. "Then you do not think I am wrong in

going?" said Helen with downcast eyes.
"No; why should you not go?" he said
quietly. "You have no ties here, and it is well to do all that one can for the good of the world. I wish you happiness and success. He held out his hand as he spoke, and held hers gravely for a moment or two, looking as if there were something he wanted, but knew not exactly how, to express. It came at last.

You have been very kind to my children. my motherless children," he said, with a thrill in his voice, of which she could easily divine the meaning, "and I thank you. I may say 'God bless you' before you go?

She looked up for a moment as if to thank him, but her eyes were full of tears. The man's kind-heartedness had vanquished the awkward shyness that so often stood in his His tone was almost fatherly, and the benediction seemed to cheer and strengthen her as she went on her way. Nevertheless, she was very glad when the farewells were spoken, and she was free to depart.

She had not thought that she would feel the parting with the Beilbys quite as much as she did. The new rector, who had been her father's helper, was like an old friend, and the children had become inexpressibly dear to her. She felt it almost hard that she could not show her affection in any practical way. She would have been very glad to help them as she used to do in the days of their comparative poverty, but they were lifted above such need of help a present, for the Redwood living was a good one, and Mr. Beilby was, therefore, a prosper

"They have no need of me." she said to her self, with rather a sore heart, as she went back to Redwood Hall. "They will forget me in a week. It is well I am going somewhere where I can be of real use. I don't mind how hard the work is as long as I feel it is worth doing. think Mr. Beilby thought so too, and as Felix says, the work may be too hard for me, I must come home again, though not with out a struggle, for I don't mean to be beaten easily.

So it was with a cheerful countenance that she set forth on her first lonely expedition into the world, and her courage did not falter, even though the leave-takings at the station were something of an ordeal; for all the Beilby children were there, and various old pensioners of her father's had come up from Redwood to bid the old Rector's young lady good bye. But, in spite of her courage and resolution, it was exceedingly trying, and she was glad when it was

Felix had chosen the hospital that she was to go to, and had made various arrangements for her well-being. She had nothing to do but to settle down in the niche which he had found for her, and to go through the routine of her various duties with as much industry and nationce as she was capable of. Certainly, her occupations were at first neither very congenial nor very interesting, and the work was sometimes exceedingly heavy; but just then Helen was glad of any amount of hard work, as it kept her from brooding over the losses that she had recently sustained. The breaking up of her home and the death of her parents were not trials to be easily sustained by a nature so gentle and affectionate as Helen Drummond's, Now you always understand, and I thought gentle and affectionate as Helen Drummond's, you would go on living at the Hall, and that we and from day to day she felt that she had been wise to cut herself off resolutely from

the associations which constantly renewed the memory of sorrow. Here in London in the great wards of the hospital, where every moment was occupied and brain and hand were equally busy, she had little time for retrospect, and at night she was so weary that she fell asleep almost as soon as her head touched the pillow. Even Felix, when he saw her after a few weeks of this sort of life, was obliged to own that she looked better than when she was last at Redwood, and that her strength did not seem to be too severely taxed. She was a favorite with the nurses, and patients, and doctors alike. She enjoyed her work and had, as Felix put it with a smile, evidently found her

But I thought you were going abroad," she said to him when he came to see her in the recreation hour, and she went for a walk with him through some of the quieter London

Felix looked at her as she walked beside him and thought how well the nurse's costume be came her. The fair face looked all the sweeter when framed in the plain bonnet with its broad white strings, and the long cloak did not altogether disguise the graceful lines of her tall and supple figure. She looked strong and healthful and beautiful, and Felix felt, as he often did, a little thrill of astonishment with himself for not being more warmly inclined towards the cousin whom he liked and admired o much, but did not love.

"I thought I was going before now," he said, but I have been detained. Archie Severne has been ill."

Did he allow you to attend him, then said Helen.

"Not he. We had to send for a doctor from Southminster," said Felix, with a smile in which Helen discerned annoyance. "What detained me was that I had to do his work." "He is better now?"

"Yes, I think so; it was only a chill, with a touch of fever, I think; but it was a tedious affair, and very wearying to his nurse."
"I should be afraid so. How is she?"

"I did not think her looking very well," said Felix, "but that cannot be helped as long as she has a husband like Archie," and he half aughed and half sighed, as if trying to dis guise from Helen and from himself the bitteress of the conviction

Poor Marjory !" said Helen softly.

Felix did not answer. A vision rose up be-fore him of the face he loved, as he had last seen it, wan and worn by the cares of nursing; possibly, as Felix sometimes feared, by the irritability of the sick man and the difficulty

of satisfying his requirements. Mrs. Hyde had said to him lately that Marjory was losing her beauty, for she was thin and pale, and there were shadows about her eyes and lines upon her forehead, but though Felix's heart ached when he looked at her, it always seemed o him that she was more beautiful than ever. It would not do, however, to put all this into words, and so he began to talk to Helen about her hospital life, and led the conversation so skilfully away from himself and all his con-cerns that it was not until afterwards that she recollected how little she had learnt about her friends at Redwood. He had scarcely uttered the Beilbys' names, and yet it was about them that Helen would have liked to hear. Fanny's letters came regularly, but were somewhat unsatisfactory. But Felix was so busy in putting her through an examination on her duties that she really had no time to make many enquiries after Redwood folk.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

It was on one of the first warm days of spring, and shortly after Felix's first visit to Helen in London, that the Squire of Redwood Hall came up to the pretty little house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Severne. It was a mild, still afternoon. The fruit trees were in blossom and the birds were busy with their nests. There was a blue mist of hyacinths in the woods, and every corner of dell and dingle was starred with primroses.

"If any day could make a sick man well," thought Felix, "this is of all others the very day." He almost hoped to find Archie in the garden, but on enquiry he found that Mrs. Severne was out and that Mr. Severne was in the sitting-room. Thither Felix betook himself, and found to his amaze that the room had been sedulously darkened. windows and blinds were alike closed, and Archie's form was only dimly visible on a couch in the darkest corner.

"Shall I bother you if I come in ?" said Felix. How are you to-day, old man?"

was a somewhat fretful exclamatio from the sofa, but no very intelligible answer to the question. Felix came in and shut the

"Headache, I suppose ?" he said, standing beside Archie's sofa. Yes, headache," was the reply, rather

gruffly.
"You would be much better for a little fresh air in the room. Why don't you come out into the garden and get a little wind and sunshine ? That would take away your headache better than anything."
"That is what strong healthy fellows like

you always say," returned Archie irritably, For my part I hate sunshine. I like coolness and quiet, and a subdued light, sometimes."

"Well, so do I sometimes," said Felix good-humoredly. "But can't I do anything for What sort of a headache have you you? got?"
"It is almost better now it doesn't matter,"

said Archie. "Then I think I had better open the win

dow," said Felix with decision. you mean shutting yourself up in the dark like a woman because you have got a headache? Come out with me; you will be all the better " I don't suppose you know what headaches

like mine are," said Archie, in a tone of great irritation. "I wish to goodness you would hold your tongue. If you and Marjory would let me alone I should be obliged to you, but is is always the same; no woman can help nag ging, and you are as bad as a woman any

"Thanks for the compliment," said Felix quite undisturbed. "I don't mind being put on a par with Marjory. See what a fine afterlittle room and Archie half reluctantly drew nearer to the window, leaned his arm upon the sill and looked out. The garden was bright with spring flowers, the scent of hyacinths and wallflower was wafted softly to his nostrils and the passing breath of an April wind. The freshness and beauty of the scane brought in peace to his troubled brow. He laid his hands over his eyes, for the light was too strong for him, and quite unconsciously uttered a so moan, like that of a creature in pain. Felix, standing at the window, steadfastly regarded him, and at this point placed his hand upon his friend's shoulder.
"There is something the matter with you

beyond a headache," he said gently. not make a clean breast of it? You'll be all the better for speaking out." Archie made an impatient movement. He was as petulant as a

"There is nothing the matter."he said, "except the remains of what you doctors called nervous shock at the time, I remember. It seems absurd to you, no doubt, but one does not easily get over the remembrance of experiences like mine.'

"It is not absurd by any means, but after s year's time I think you ought to be able to put those painful memories aside. Is it at night that they torment you most?" "At night, mostly," Archie's voice was still

sullen, but after a pause he spoke rapidly, as if impelled by some irresistible impulse to con

'There is one particular nightmare," he said which I have two or three times a week at east. Last night it repeated itself in a queer way. I had it twice over, and then I got up and read so that I should not fall asleep again but, it was an odd thing, the nightmare still seemed to come. Dream or vision, or whatever it was, while I was still awake it got between me and the pages of the book somehow, and I could not drive it away. Good heavens, Felix, you don't think I am going mad?

" Of course not ; but I think you are nervous. and that perhaps your digestion may be in a touchy sort of state. What was your night-

Archie's answer was next door to being unintelligible. He spoke low and fast, and the words which Felix distinguished most clearly related to the clutching hands and flerce eyes of a man who wanted to drag him down, while the angry waves of a swelling sea mounted higher and higher around the fragments of wreckage on which he and other shipwrecked mariners had sought escape from death.

"Ah!" said Felix, "that is the dream you used to have when you were delirious. A sort of notion that somebody was wanting to kill

you during that wreck.

"I had it then, had I? I do not wonder God knows I have never been free from it ever since." He hid his face in his hands and groaned aloud. Felix again watched him silently for a few minutes. There was no sound save, that of the birds' twittering voices and the hum of a stray wild bee which seemed to have made its home in the row of bushy wallflow ers beneath the window frame.
"It seems to me," Felix said, "that there

must be some foundation for this dream of Was it suggested by something you saw or heard during the wreck of the Aurora? "If there were," said Archie, with a restless movement, "I do not see any good in recalling

"There is this good, that by telling the incident you might dissipate your midnight vision. It is probably because you won't face the remembrance fairly and clearly that you are haunted by it, and I think I have some clue as to the incident which impressed you so strongly'

He spoke with deliberate quiet and calmness but Archie gave a great start, and lifted his face suddenly from his hands, a face which had grown suddenly white, as if his whole being

were shaken by some sudden fear.
"What do you mean?" he stammered.
"How-what do you know?"

"I think I told you that I met a man in Nev York called Strangways—" "I never heard of him on hoard the Aurora

Archie interposed hastily. "No, I do not suppose so; he called himself

on board by another name. He was a steerage passenger like yourself and was known as Jeremiah Strong A sort of shudder passed through Archie's frame. Felix felt satisfied that he had hit the

right nail on the head. Archie must have witnessed that terrible scene between Strangwave and the man who had robbed his daughter of her last remaining chance of life, and the horror of it had impressed itself in some peculiar way upon his brain. Felix had often said to himself that he did not understand Archie, and this touch of hyper-sensitiveness seemed to him somewhat inconsistent with the young man's character. But, after all, he had seen too much of human nature to be very much surprised by any of its contradictions.

"You knew the man?" said Felix, in a lowe

"Yes, I remember him," Archie acknow ledged with a gasp. The lower part of his face was again hidden, but Felix saw the drops of perspiration standing out upon his forehead. He pitled Archie for this stress of emotion, but he was quite convinced that the only way to rid him of his nightmare was to induce h face that terrible memory courageously, and to resolve that he would be in its thrall no more Therefore he pressed his point.

"I have often wondered whether you say anything of him during the voyage; at any rate, I suppose you were with him on the wreck for some part of the night ?"

"Each man for himself," interposed Archie, in a curiously strained voice. "You do not expect that under those circuristances ould take much notice of what was going on around one

"I do not know," said Felix. "I should have



He had pulled up the blind and opened the imagined that one's senses would have been vindow. A flood of sunshine illuminated the sharpened at such a time; and the story that sharpened at such a time; and the story that Strangways told me was so terrible that I think you must have seen or heard something of what passed.

"Can't you hold your tongue?" said Archie, with sudden roughness. "I have told you over and over again that I won't talk about that

night. The sooner I forget it the better."
"You will forget it all the more speedily if for once you would speak out," said Felix sternly. "You are giving way, brooding upon it, making a fool of yourself. Do you suppose you are the only man in the world who has been shipwrecked and seen horrible sights? Pull yourself together and be a man."

"I do not know what you want me to say or do," said Archie, shamed as it seemed, into some sort of acquiescence. "I can't see the slightest good in raking up all the painful incidents of that shipwreck. Why, that manthat man you speak of," he went on, lifting his face while his eyes dilated with a curiou expression of mingled horror and fear, "that man was fool enough to think he could save his daughter by putting a life-belt round her. She was half dead already; she had not the slightest chance: but a strong man-s swim--the belt was of some use to him!

"Ah, that is a thing I was coming to," said "You saw it, then? Some brute, it. Felix. seems, took the life-belt forcibly away from the girl and used it himself. I do not like to think of that old man's face when he told the story, and for the sake of our common humanity I sincerely hope that the ruffian did not find the belt of much use to him.

Felix could not see Archie's face, but from the nervous twitching of his fingers he conjectured that the scene had made a great impression upon his mind. It was in a husky voice, very unlike his own, that Archie presently said, in a confused and stammering way, "You said the man—that man—was alive in New York. I never thought he would get safe to land.'

"No, it is a most remarkable escape," said Felix: "his arm was broken, and he was a reat deal bruised and battered, but he was one of the very few picked up and brought to land. The girl, of course, was drowned. Well, from what you tell me of your dreams, Archie, I suppose that is the scene which repeats itself. can imagine that that old fellow, with his flerce eyes and his helpless agony of rage, could not easily be forgotten. Now just tell me-I ask for the sake of confirming my own theorydo not you in your dreams confuse yourself with the man who took the belt? Do not you feel as if you had committed the crime, and the old man's hands were stretched out to clutch your throat, and his curses were lighting on your head? My dear fellow, it is a very common experience, and you need not worry your-self about it. Your only danger lies in your brooding over it so that it may become a fixed idea, which-to put it very plainly-would be the first step towards a form of mania which it might be difficult to cure. That is why I tell



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"What is there to see?' cried Archie, with a despairing groan. "You do not know what you are talking about. And yet—don't you understand? Don't you know the truth? It is no use talking to me about manis; things are bad enough without that. I was the man !" There was again a sudden silence. It was

the turn of Felix to start and even to turn pale. He made an involuntary step backward; then his voice changed, and he looked at Archie's bowed head with an expression of mingled pity and comprehension.
"Do not say such things, man! You have,

as I thought, let the thing get hold of you too much. Rouse yourself, Archie! It is a delusion, a dream, like your other dreams. We know very well—Marjory and I—that you are not a coward or a villain. Do your best to forget that dream of yours, and these fancies will soon fade from your mind."

He spoke in perfect good faith. The very idea that Archie could possibly have been guilty of so base an act was too terrible to be enteror so base an act was too terrine to be enter-tained. He could only be sorry for the suffer-ing which such a delusion would entail. It would have been easy at that moment for Archie to seize his advantage, and to treat his own statement as a momentary aberration of mind; but he had lost his self-control, which had been maintained only through the silence which he had failed to break. Now that Felix had broken down the barrier reticence was

"I tell you," he said, hoarsely and excitedly,
"that I know what I am saying as well as you
do. I took the belt from the girl; the old man
had told me to put it round her and I refused;
why should I blame myself for that? The girl could never have been saved; why was my life to be thrown away as well? But for that lifebelt I should have been drowned; to throw cushions. away one's life for a sentiment, what was the

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Felix recoiled. The justification of his action
carried more conviction to his mind than
Archie's bare assertion of the fact; but still he
did not believe. Let Archie talk his delusion
out—that was the notion which presented itself to his mind. It would probably die away in its

"The girl was unconscious," Archie went on, priedly. "I believe she was dead already, hurriedly. "I believe she was dead already, or dying. No woman could stand the exposure of that night. It was a mere mad fancy of the old man to think that she could be saved. "I say, haven't I been talking nonsense?" he asked. "I have been having that dream of

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you that you had better look the thing fairly in the face and try to combat it."

"What is there to see?" cried Archie, with a fingers of his, which tried so hard to get at me, I should have forgotten the whole thing long ago. I do forget it in the daytime, but at night he comes back, and I go through it all again, and hear him calling down vengeance upon me and see the hatred in his eyes. Teach me to forget that night, Felix, and I will thank you all the days of my life."

"You had better put yourself entirely under my care," said Felix practically, "and see if I can't cure you. Do not be afraid. We will make you forget. I will stop that dream from coming; see if I don't."

He spoke cheerily, and gave the young man an encouraging pat on the shoulder. It was a delusion, of course. Poor old Archie! To think of his keeping it to himself all this while! But the cheerfulness of his tone seemed to produce no reassuring effect upon his friend. In fact, Archie scarcely seemed to hear his words. He roused himself from his dark reverie and murmured, "I thought that old fellow must be dead. I thought it must be his ghost or something that haunted me in this way. Do you say that he is alive—alive in New York, and that he told you his story?'

" He did." "Then," said the young man calmly, "I might as well cut my throat or put a bullet through my head, for that man will never rest till he has found me dead or alive. I thought the worst was over," he said with a slight shud-der, "and being dead he could do me no more

harm. I see now that it is all to come." What could Felix say in face of so strong a delusion? He waited and watched with doubtful eyes, while Archie, raising himself and moving back from the window, flung himself once more on the sofa, from which he had been reluctantly dragged, and hid his face in the

"You had better let me stay here and not drag me out into your cursed sunshine," he said, in a muffled voice. "I tell you that old man will find me here one of these days, and will have his reckoning, as he said. You had

better let me alone."

He lay haggard and motionless for some minutes, and Felix leaned against the window frame, musing over the story he had heard. He was relieved when, after a considerable period, Archie again moved and spoke—this

time in a more natural voice.

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mine again—the one I told you about, you know; and when it gets hold of me I do not

think I am quite responsible for what I say."

A heavy load seemed suddenly to fall from Felix's heart. In spite of himself, Archie's words had produced an uncomfortable sensation of doubt. He was glad to be restored com pletely to his former opinion that Archie had brooded so long over the horrors of the shipwreck that he had at last come to identify himself with the unknown ruffian who had committed a crime, of which Felix felt certain

that Archie was not capable.

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English Opinion

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A writer in Herapath's London, England, Railway and Commercial Journal, of February 6, 1892, in an article on American Railroads, says:

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M.G.—I think you have not read the rules. I have made a rule not in study coraps of letters, especially when sent by persons of the opposite and to the letter writer. It is not a fair use to make of your correspondence, my friend. Your own writing shows perseverance, self assertion, a very heavy and decided will, rather a kind nature, but not very heavy and decided will, rainer a kind nature, out no particularly sensible or constured. You can be loving and loyal, and would probably be constant, having a slight tendency to look on the dark side. Your ideas are clear and logical and your discretion excellent. Solf-preservation is a strong trait; temper is pretty good.

UNFORL THE FARS—So you'd like to know if you are clever? Well, you believe you are; isn't that enough?! You have bright imagination, some facility, good ambition and a rather ex:seelve summe of the ludicrous; you love novelty a rabber extessive senses of the indicrons; you love novelsy and ought to be a good traveler; are impulsive and warm hearted; while your character is not on quite such grand lines as your friend's, you are far above the average in originality and brain power. I should fancy you were related, you two; if so, papa has his battle full, but has reason to be proud of his daughters. I am consumed with ourlosity to hear the scorest. Please let me have it, as the studies tay, in the next issue.

COCKLES ALL ALIVE —A very magnetic, bright and clever personality, full of vitality, force and ambition, adaptable, grave and candid, with great determination, love of the beautiful, some humor and sympathy, vivacious and frank in manner, born to be a leader. Thank you, my dear, for in manner, over to be a seldom gladdene my syes. If there were neutry such as celdom gladdene my syes. If there were more American girls like you, I should certainly go in for Amerasion, but then, you say you're dying is be a Casadian. What are our young men thinking of, thus they don't make you one? The only possible fault I can find in you les disposition to be soc emphatic over small matters I'l were as you opine, a very young man, of the giddy kind, I should perhape not love you so much as I do, for my worship would be rather tempered by aws. Bye-bye:

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Geralder, Himsdale—I have another of your name somewhere. The fact that your writing looks different as different times, only denotes facility and a rather sensitive temperament. I should not think the change would effect is from a graphological point of view; its characteristics are as strongly marked, they'd be sure to appear always. For instance, nothing would make you methodical, nor capable of a long continued struggle for a desired and, you are good-tempered, impatient, Ind of beauty and probably i terested in some desired are at listle inclined to deepend cometings, but your nature is far from melanoholy. You dearly love luxury and ease, and are a trifle inclined to be self-absorbed and desireus of approbation. A for seful character, in need of repose and self-discipline to develop its basis side.

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Doll.—I don't thick your former letter can have reached me. If you had repeated your question about the Clvil Service Exam., I might have answered it now. If there is anything you wish to know about it, kindly let me had form you and I will answer it immediately. The editor of this column is never ten busy to attemt to the questions sent in That's the husiness of the editor's life. 3. Your writing shows energy, impulse and a slightly erration will, as to spend force without consideration. The lines in dicate lack of gentleness and conditation but are presumably a youthful specimen, and time should rule of their cradeness. Thought, brain-power and some force of will are shown, with rather strong opinious tensolously held. I am sure, with practice you would succeed in the

studies you name. You have quick perception, constancy and some artistic tasts.

BECKY SHARPS.—How dare you matquerade under the skiries of a woman person, you man, you! And a foreigner too! I am surprised at you. That was a nice way to spend a rainy evening! Well, here goes for the result, though I warn you that foreigner and ourly-kews sometimes make a queer graphological study. You are simple and struthful in your dealings, able to make the best of circumetances, careful, comewhat well taught and both imaginative and original in thought. You are fond of social intercourse and would require sympathetic friends, and some patience for your understanding. You are ambitious, hopeful, candid and rather cautious in speech, extremely sensitive to beauty in any shape and capable of warm and jealous affection. You would in all probability be stiracted by your opposite in all these traits and you will idealize her into the fates only know what of an angel. I wish you good luck.

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MAY.—What a shame to keep you so long awaiting your answer! Well, my dear, bloycle riding is over for this season anyway, but in any case you could not have had a lady instructor. What's the matter with having a man? No lady could seash you so well, because ladies are not strong enough, and their skirts impede them, and for a variety of other reasons. I hope you've learned before now. However, if you haven't, let me know in the spring, and I will sell you about the best wheel, the best instructor and what both will cost you. 2 Your writing shows rather an unformed and scattery character, destitute of method and concentration, but with great persistence and no end of energy. You love pretty things, are sympathetic and a triffs sharp in temper; love social pleasure, and while not markedly clever, are sensible, honest, and deservedly popular. I hope you will ride straighter than you write, little woman, or l'd hate to try and pass you in a tight place.

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Footsall Player —1. Not even to decide a bet could I put you in by July Sh. I hope if you win the bet, as this late day, that you'll excuse me for not obliging you. I've had all sorts of reasons urged upon me for an early delinestion, but yours quibe takes the cake. Did someone bet I wouldn's do you out of your turn? I rather think I've done you before, haven't I, under another name? The study seems quite familiar, particularly in the capital letters. 2. Your writing shows energy, judgment, vivacity, social instincts, rather a hasty speech, some ideality, care of details, and a wish for approbation. You try to do what is right, and if you fail, you are not liable to break your heart over the matter. You are business-like and your heart over the matter. You are business-like and matter-of-fact, of reasonable affection, pretty fair tempers without any marked ambition, but a generally sensible wish not to be last. On the whole, a pretty level-headed,

A Tale of Horror.

Black clouds were flitting across the sky; the bells in the village steeple had just chimed the midnight hour, when Simmesbauer wended his way home from the neighboring town, where he had indulged in copious potations after sell ing his corn at a fairly good price. To shorten the distance he struck across the fields, and was not far from his native village when suddenly his further progress was barred by a dark figure, with outstretched arms, standing

"Sakra! The fellow's after my money, but



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I'll let him see," muttered our peasant. "What is it you want?" he shouted. "Clear out this minute, or I'll make short work with you!"

Minute, or I'll make short work with you!"
No reply.
"You won't get out of the way?" roared the
drunken man. "Then take that!"
So saying, he brought his stick down heavily

on the tall shiner that adorned the stranger's head; he then gripped him round the waist, lifted him off his feet, and threw him with such vehemence to the ground as to dis-locate every bone in his body. The figure lay breathless and without motion at the feet of his assailant, who became increasingly alarmed as the true state of affairs began to dawn upon him. "Mercy! I've killed the man!" he at length exclaimed, and hurried man! he at tought extrained, and the man away, trembling in every limb. Next morning simmesbauer awoke with a racking pain in his head, but when the remembrance of the previous night's adventure gradually dawned upon him he sprang out of bed and into his clothes, and marched out of the house before the police were on his track. Once more he took his way across the fields, and, after proceeding half a mile, he saw before him the cherry tree under which the deed had been

"Ha! there's the hat," he said. "What an old piece of toggery, a relic of the last century, I should say. And there's the murdered man!" So saying, he stooped down to look at him, but suddenly rose again to his feet, danced about with wild delight, and exultingly cried: "Hooray! I'm no murderer! No need to run away! Why, it's only a—scare-crow!"—Humoristische Blatter.

Just So.

Magistrate-You were taken into custody for being drunk and disturbing the peace?
Prisoner—Just so.

M.-You must have been taking too much

P.-Just so.

M .- The policeman picked you up out of the P.-Just so.

M.—You were very violent on your way to the station, and even went so far as to strike

the policeman? P.-Just so.
M.-For this offence I hereby commit you to

prison for six months.

P.—What! six months' imprisonment ? M .- Just so .- Ueber Land und Meer.

Talking Out of School.

Servant maid-Please, ma'am, the parrot has been saying another lot of fresh words.

Mistress (to lady visitor)—Yes, my Jokko is
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my dear husband speaks to me. (To servant)— What did the creature say? Servant maid-Shut up, you old besom!

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Short Story Writing.

ITERATURE is the worst taught sub ject in the whole educationa system of Ontario-not that pupils do not spend much time over it in high schools and col-leges, and even in public schools: but there being no definite aim in view no uniform result is attained. Two men may take the same course in literature, yet one will know ten times as much as the other without being called upon to reveal it. All education is utilitarian, either immediately or remotely and the study of literature is calculated to broaden the mind, impart culture and facilitate expression by tongue and pen. The prac tical part of the study of literature is to com prehend the nature of its construction, so that one can write with fluency and in a manner sufficiently conformed to the mode to make oneself intelligible to all. I am not going to write a school essay on literature, but am, from the newspaper office point of view, going to present a few facts to show the relation of chools to current literature. It is a common printing-house statement

that no two men would punctuate the same column of reading matter in the same way. and that no woman in the world would pune tuate the same column alike on two separate occasions. Be this true or not, it is true that every writer who punctuates at all has ideas peculiarly his own, and there is no accepted authority for settling disputes. I would be willing to stake a lot of money on the statement that if I sent an unpunctuated manuscript of one thousand words to Prof. Grant of Queen's, Prof. Caven of Knox, Prof. Loudon of 'Varsity Prof. Clark of Trinity, and to the editors of six of the leading magazines of America, no two of the lot would punctuate the article in precisely the same way. If the article were sent to the principals of the Collegiate Institutes of Ontario I would still risk my money on the statement that no two of them would punctu ate it alike. If any believer in our educational institutions considers this a libel, he may take me up and we will put it to the test. The universities are turning out Masters and Bachelors of Arts by scores every year who are equipped with only one punctuation mark-a dash, which they use for everything : period comma, colon, semi-colon, parenthesis and whatnot. In time the compositors in the printing offices will hold the only uniform system of punctuation extant; already the average compositor could lecture the college faculties and teachers' institutes on the sub ject. This is the first point in which practical literature is not taught, but skimmed over.

Ninety per cent. of the population in Ontario can read and write, according to the latest Government report on the subject, and proba bly twenty-five per cent. of these make more or less pretentious efforts at writing fiction. The other seventy-five per cent, write letters to the press occasionally. The punctuation in all this mass of matter is abominable as a rule. But that point has been disposed of. The treatment of the plots chosen for short stories is nearly always inartistic and unpardonably raw. One writer will start his little story with a descriptive introduction as exhaustive and minute as those with which Sir Walter Scott began some of his big books. Ano her will introduce you first to the hero, telling you his height, his weight, his Christian name and whom he was called after lugging in a lot of particulars about this supernumerary third person-describing his eyes, his none, his hair, his success at college, his popularity with all classes, his charity to the poor, his love for Angelina; then you will be introduced to Angelina, her points noted. her lineage traced, her virtues enumerated; then the old friend of the two families; then the villain and a host of other people, one after the other, until you fancy you have got hold of Another writer will string together a continuous relation of events without resting place or pause, the whole thing sounding when read like the evidence of a tiresome witness in a law suit, allowed to tell his story in his own Very few seem to admit that there any art in story-writing, and fewer show that they have searched for the rudiments of the The schools appear to take no cognizance of the art. The tendency of the time is so strongly towards the consumption and consumption quent production of fiction, that the rudiments of the art of story-writing should be taught along with the rudiments of book keeping. This would not clog the market but would relieve it, for the great majority would realize heir unfitness, while the few would have their talents properly directed. As it is now, all go ahead, groping blindly without guide the many after innumerable rebuffs and failures being ejected bodily from a pur suit they never would have entered had they understood its nature; the few gaining by years of experience and trial the preliminary equipment that might have been acquired in a few months of training. A student whose bent is poetry may take an art course, and, with application, equip himself for his life-work, for there are essays and comparative studies innumerable to his hand. But there is no organ ized routine for studying the art of creative The student is drilled to declaim fiery passages from this or that writer; he is told to admire certain dramatic portions of motives similar to those of Inspector Archi-

another writer as unequaled in its kind; but all the efforts of teachers to instruct and students to acquire instruction, are scattered, random, haphazard. The graduate sends the editor a story designed to agitate the world and the first ten pages of the foolscap on which it is written are devoted to introducing the characters, while three suffice for the story itself. It is like building a thousand dollar pedestal for a plaster-cast worth one dollar.

If some man would make a special study of the art of writing fiction and start an academy for imparting instruction in the creative an constructive branches of the subject, he would be entitled to government aid, the hearty cooperation of the press, and would soon collect lot of pupils. A month at such an institution would either justify the literary aspirations of

pupil or dispel them, to his lasting comfort.
As it is now, a great many of those who could create something worth while are too diffident and self-conscious to attempt it, while hosts of those who, under no circumstances, could con tribute one new idea to the existing stock, are whacking away to the terror of the editorial profession and the dismay of helpless readers Letters are constantly received at newspaper offices reading'something like this: "Enclosed find a short story entitled A Mad, Mad Love. It is my first attempt and I hope it will suit you. I would like five dollars for it." It seems that even school-children no longer consider it any honor to have a story inserted in a good paper; they demand pay for a first attempt. A newspaper can, through a syndicate company buy the Canadian right of short stories by th best known writers in England and the United States for five dollars apiece. Yet a novice sending in his or her first attempt will ask pay, and the same pay as the syndicate ask for stories by T. Quiller Crouch, Rudyard Kipling, James Payn, Alphonse Daudet and others equally talented and famous. I do not believe that anyone who has the courage to send his or her "first attempt" to an editor is gifted with sufficient perception or delicacy of character to ever amount to anything as a writer. One who can thus force his first attempt forward, instead of hoarding it in secret, is deficient in soul. From what I have read and from what has been confessed to me by the few successful story writers whom I have met, I find that as a rule those who in the end attain success are those who write, not for the press at the start, but for their trunks. They write and write and store away, now and reading back, and, as directed by their improving taste, correcting, re-writing or des troying, until, their talents matured, something is nervously sent out into the world. The ambitious young person who has none of this delicacy should turn to some vocation in which self confidence will bring quick returns.

This article is already too long, and I have only indicated some views on the matter. This office is constantly receiving manuscripts to be "criticized and returned." To beginners and many who are quite old in sin no better advice could be given than this: Store your writings away for a year and criticize them at the end of that time. You will destroy three out of every four of them and find it necessary to re-write the fourth one. If you do not see occasion for destroying or re-writing your manuscripts after the lapse of a year, then destroy them anyhow and conclude that you are too deficien in taste and originality to attempt story writing; you will have stood stock-still for year without hatching a new idea. Next week I will growl at the poetic contributor.

The Drama.

HE Black Crook is making its

periodical Canadian tour, and I saw one act of it last Tuesday afternoon. Incidentally it might be remarked that I counted nine daily newspaper men within fifteen feet of where I sat, and the remaining daily journalists of the city were probably scattered in other parts of the pit. I am told that the same gentlemen were present in bulk on Monday evening, I know they were at the Tuesday matinee, and it is probable they continued to attend all week. You know it is hard to decide just whether a play is immoral or not, and newspaper men wish to be fair. I perceive fine Roman heroism in the way the reporters of the city press immolated them selves for the public good. After witnessing every performance during the week from the front seats with microscopic glasses, I think it is their cautious opinion that the play is vulgaand semi-indecent. However, if the local manager could induce The Black Crook to emain a week longer and give nine more performances, the newspaper men would no doubt be able to announce a definite conclusion. As for me, I entered at the commencement of the second act and made a virtuous escape at the next fall of the curtain, treading on the toes of an old lady next me, who sat there rendered perfectly dazed and dumb by what she theater-goer, but went there to decide once for all whether the theater is an evil or a good thing. In such a case she must have formed a very damaging opinion, and will hereafter conemn even the dialogues of a Sunday school anniversary.

The one big purpose of The Black Crook is to be as vulgar and indecent as the law will allow. It pays-nothing pays better. Those who admire things indecent are always ready to pay for their gratification ; but educate or of these fellows, convince him that his taste have been gross, his ideas vulgar, and what will this remodeled man do with his spare Will he put it on the collection plate at a Y. M. C. A. song service or buy with it ad mission to a scientific lecture? When you were praying over and educating him you included all plays and theaters in ommon condemnation, and deprived him of the means of entertainment natural to him, but you could not give him a taste for science or pound into him the idea that he should pay a dollar for spiritual songs. He cannot go to a good play for entertainment—what will Why, the new he do with his dollar? and sanctified man will throw his influence into the scale for good, and, actuated

bald and the newspaper reporters, will pay out his dollar like a little man to see The Black Crook. He wants to see it so that he can condemn it, so that he can agitate for its suppression, so that he can fortify himself in the contention that the theater is wicked and evil and abominable. And the manager of the company takes his dollar and pays it in salary to the girl who, with a Queen Anne ruffle on her waist in lieu of a dress, pivots on one too and points with the other straight into the muzzle of the sanctified man's opera glasses. This is a succinct history of a regenerated man's dollar.
The girl no doubt uses it to buy a new and nore transparent suit of tights,

The staging of the piece is beautiful, nothing more charming to the eye has been seen here for a long time; but why in the name of com-mon sense do not the two leading girls learn to dance? They simply jump and hop and pivot and kick without grace or ease or object. They might come out and announce themselves in this way: "We will now give you a repre-sentation, as near as the law will allow, of two naked crazy women."

A missionary whose field is in the extreme limits of the Canadian North-West informed me this summer that when he first entered his mission he found every Sunday devoted to horse-racing and drunkenness, and that scarcely anyone could be induced to attend church. He became convinced of the impossibility of making any headway by the ordinary methods of a minister, so when the next big race was announced he went to one of the principals. "Look here," he said, "I consider it unfair for you to hold that race on Sunday." "Unfair! "Well, I am a clergyman and could not go to a horse race on Sunday. These races are about the only sport up here, and I should be given a chance to witness them. Hold the races on Saturday or Monday and I can be present." The sporting people at once changed the date, and since then no races or drunkenness have occurred on Sunday. The parson attends every race and his presence serves to prevent great many things that formerly marked he even's. On the other hand, the whole population turns out each Sunday to church. can in this case question the wisdom of his course? I will go the length of using a word that will set opposition in arms, for people are oused by elogans, as in more savage daystemporize with evils that cannot be overcome. In the matter of plays, if religious people would admit a difference between a drama of no bad tendency and one that is bad; if they would countenance and encourage the good, the bad could soon be suppressed; whereas by oppos ing, all the evil ones flourish behind the defences thrown up against the unjust attacks made upon those that are clever and charming and unobjectionable in every way.

Those who enjoy clean, sweet comedy have been sorry to find that Roland Reed has been taken ill at his hotel and prevented from appearing at the Grand for the greater part of the week Mr. Reed is much admired in Toronto, and it is hoped that, as announced, he will be sufficiently recovered to stage his new piece Dakota on Friday night and Saturday afternoon and evening. If he is, he will surely be greeted by

An event of more than usual interest is the coming visit of Russell H. Conwell, the well known preacher, author and orator of Philadelphia. Mr. Conwell is to-day one of America's most popular platform speakers, and almost the last of the stars who made the platform brilliant in the days of Gough, Beecher and Chapin. He is in constant de mand in all parts of the country and cannot respond to one-half the calls he receives. His large income from his lectures has been wholly devoted to the benevolent work of educating the poor. Mr. Conwell will deliver his master piece entitled Acres of Diamonds, or, Where to get Rich and become Great, at the Pavilion on Tuesday, December 12, constituting the third number in Kleiser's Star Course.

Mrs. John Drew will be at the Grand next week, Paul Kauvas at Jacobs and Sparrow's, and Gus Hill's World of Novelties at the Academy of Music.

The Wiles of Woman.

SMALL boy in great glcom sat on the front steps of a vacant house. Nothing outward appeared worthy of his consideration. His gaze on abstraction was concentrated, dignified but His well preserved clothes suggested the attentions of a mother and the smoothness of his hair indicated that her last ministration had been recent. Round the corner appeared a young man who spent his time in investigating physical phenomena as seen on the way to as. He was struck by the unusual sight of a small boy at rest. Had it not been, how ever, for a trivial circumstance this perambulating philosopher might have neglected a unique opportunity. As he was hesitating, a and-ladder dashed down the adjacent street car tracks. The investigator was about to pursue with the enthusiasm of research when he paused, ready for flight. The small boy for a moment fixed an awakened eye on the exciting red of the disappearing fireagon, then returned to contemplation with out an appreciable struggle. Recognizing the importance of this indication, the investigator approached strategically. Not going to the fire?"

The boy raised sad eyes, dim with inward lebate. "No," he answered with bitterness, I am not.

Feeling sick ?" "Mentally," he replied, "I am."

The perambulating philosopher sat down uddenly on the door-steps beside him, quite willing to wait until the small boy was able to express his own bitterness.

"The deuce, I agethe philosopher eagerly.

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"he looked at him with a "The deuce, I agree with you," exclaimed

The boy looked at him with a sour smile. "Not all of them," he replied with a touching mental reservation in his eye. The philosopher agreed with chastened celerity. 'You are right, not all of them.'

"Since I was born," began the small boy, with the emphasis of grief, "my mother has

off my hat to wowhat good it does them; I'd like to see them take off their own hats.'

pins!" interjected the philosopher with unholy mirth "Till to-day never did it ; I didtones appealed for sympathy.

Think of the hat

" Neither did I. I remember well the feeling of exposure, the shock to one's nerves." "There was a lady, she shall be

nameless,for,whom I had a great regard. She made no secret of her To-day I mether. I thought to gratify her and took off my hat. She didn't see me. When I explained the cir-

cumstances to my mother, she said, 'Never mind, next time she will see you.' time!" exclaimed the small boy grinding his teeth. "I shall never take off my hat to a woman again.'

The philosopher pressed his quivering hand with tears.

"Ah, my young friend," he said, his voice trembling with admiration and regret, "what career lies before you! I envy you. This too late for me. Long a mised myself, I bowed my neck to the yoke. I

shall hear of you in after years."

And recollecting the exigencies of life and business the perambulating philosopher hur-

If You Love a Pretty Woman:

Don't be in haste to tell her so. On the other hand, don't be backward; she admires bold-

Don't call more than six or seven times a

other fellows want a show, and she intends they shall have it. Don't waste time and breath hinting at how

much you are worth; she already knows that or you would not be there. Don't call other women handsome; say good-

ooking, or passably so. If you have conceit, leave it at home—any-where; don't bring it with you; if you do, you will leave regretting that your anatomical con-

truction prevents your kicking yourself. Don't for a moment entertain the idea that she does not play and sing remarkably well; believe that she does; stick to it stoutly, valiantly, and you will have taken a step in ad-

Don't write your name opposite every dance and every waltz on her programme; she may admire you—love you even—but she likes other fellows too.

Don't ask her if she would like to go to the pera; get your tickets and ask her when you shall call—she never refuses.

Don't be surprised if you discover that she

has little conscience; rather consider yourself lucky in having found any.

And last, but not least, if you are poor and

love a pretty woman, drown yourself. It's the easiest way out. WILL WILD. easiest way out.

His Revenge.

When Scheffel was staying in Italy for the penefit of his health, he received from a friend in Germany an unstamped letter containing nothing but the following words: "I am quite well. Yours truly —." Annoyed at having to pay the double postage, the poet packed a boulder stone of enormous weight in a case and despatched it to his friend without paying the carriage. The latter, in the belief that the package contained something of considerable value, willingly paid the high transport charge, and opened the case. His feelings on opening it may be better imagined than described. On label affixed to the stone he read as follows

"On receipt of the news as to the state of your health, my heart was relieved of this load."-Frauenzeitung.

A Wearisome Task

An addle-pated statistician has taken the trouble to work out the following calculations A daily visitor to the Chicago Exhibition, deoting five minutes to the inspection of each article on view from the time of its opening in the morning to the hour when the gates are shut, would take twenty two years in going through the whole of the exhibits. A fitting comment on the fabulous development of modern exhibitions.—Schnitzel und Spane.

An Unmistakable Sympton

(In the porter's lodge)-Your landlord has Yes, ma'am, we took him off to Charenton yesterday."

Who would have thought it ? And how did you find out that he was wrong in his head?"
"There was no possible doubt whatever; he had lowered the rents all round?"—Le Patriote.

Her Ingenuity.

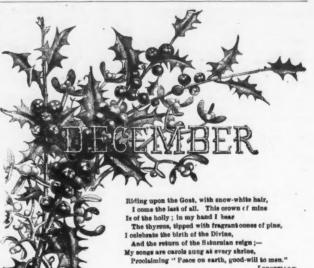
He was indistinctly conscious that the chrysanthemum on his coat matched her gloric

Yes, she would be his. He was not dream-

"Alfred," she whispered, timidly as he rose "won't you leave me a token upor to go, which I may look and remember our vows? With lowered glance she waited.

"Dearest," he rejoined, bending his head until his lips touched her brow: "on the morrow I will place upon thy finger a ring."

She smiled in award resignation.
"Very well," she said bravely; "I suppose a string will answer until then.



A Great Canal

For Saturday Night. Listen, ail ys momey makers, listen schemers, fakirs; Listen, sach and all having influence with the voters, For in the scheme which I unfold there is a mine of gold, There is health for the city and washih for its promoter

Listen, ye philanthropic who with patience philosophic Labor for the common weal with real and generosity; A scheme I have been planning above the real if Manning, None but giant intellects can graspite ponderosity.

It would have a consequence so immediate and immense Language is inadequate, it lacks the power of telling, With Vanderbilts disgusted and Yankee railroads busted, In the roles of Chicago bats and owls would make their

Only think of our progression and the end of this de-

For the boom which we should start would be a hum

sure New York would dwindle down to a quiet country where the beauty, rank, and wealth could spend the

It would Britain's backbone fracture, she would cease to

manufacture,
And subject her idle fields to careful tillage,
Vith a ficeing population, trade and commerce

Mighty London would become a country village. It must not be defeated, I shall see the scheme completed,

I'm really almost confident, in fact I'm ours I shall, For of all the schemes proposed, not a single one disclosed Is comparable in grandeur to this wonderful canal.

In the Street Where I Live,

In the street where I live, at the end of the town,
There is never a rattle of wheels up and down;
But the lullady music of rustling leaves,
And the chirrup of enug little birds in the eaves;
While the apples, that hang in the trees o'er the lawn,
Are as red as the sun when he leers through the dawn.

And the sunshine is filtering ever between Old nature's own blending of orange and green; For the leaves, in the clear autumn-time are as ga As the dress of the little mice, over the way, When she trips—with that charm that demure

To the little gray church in the street where I live.

There are eyes gray and tender, and eyes blue and sweet, There are eyes gray and sender, and eyes blue and That look through the windows that face on my si And a pleasure there is, when the hours grow late In watching the lovers who hang o'er the cate, And whisper such nothings as lovers will give, In the shadows that fall in the street where I live.

In the street where I live—ah, 'tie many long years Since I lived there is true—an, 'as many long years
Since I lived there is truth; and 'its only through sears
I can see the old place. For the serset it has grown
Till the highway is paved, and the the houses are stone;
And its only in dreams, when the setars glimmer down,
That I live in the street at the end of the town. - Charles Gordon Rogers in the Independent,

The Woman of the Future.

The Woman of the Future—Ah! Her record will be clean, She'il not fool mankind with pett Nor frills, nor orinoline; But pantaloons will gird her, By galluses secured, And she'll smake and grow some whiskers, And her life will be insured. The Woman of the Future—Her metempsychosis then

all rid Mother Earth of dudelete And apologics for men Promethean kolts she'd handle, And will slay before the Lord, All the bums who are too tired (Fos) to work for bed and board.

Oh Woman of the Future! For thee the tailors wait. And increase in fighting weight; Thou will raise no seed for Moloch Thou'it make politicians hump, Thou wilt wrestle with the devil, And chase him round the stump GRO MOFFATT in Our Monthly.

The Freight Train.

How I love to watch the local Winding up around the hill In the sunrice of the morning When the autumn air is atill And the amoke like to Ficate away above her back, And to hear the chuks, chuks, Chuks, chuks of the stack.

The man who rides these mone Whose flery steed of steel Drinks at nature's flowing founts Must inevitably feel
A divine and peerless pointer
Spread the newsus along the track,
While he hears the chuka, chuka, Chuka, chuka of the stack.

In the solemn hush of midnight When his pilot ploughs the gloor From a hundred hills wild ross Send their subtle sweet perfume To the weary, weary wat Whose lamps light up the track, and a hundred bills give back the Chuka, chuka of the stark.

Oh I how I miss the music Of the whistle and the bell, And the drumming of the furn And the drumming of the furnace More than any tougue can tell! And the mighty, massive mogul Always seems to call me back, Chuka, ohuka of the stack

-Cv. Warman in N V World

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Between You and Me.

THINK a good many of us, at all events those of us who wield the pen for a livelihood, will look back upon the past summer as a season of acquaint-ance making. We got to know various shining lights, whose writings now take on new interest, and of whom it has been necessary for us to form en-tirely new opinions. Not to mention those two antipodean extremes, Mr. Walter Besant and his sister-in-law (one of his things-in-law, as the funny man in Scribner's calls his relations by marriage), whom we have met here in our own city, there are numerous well known men and women with whom we have hob-nobbed in the West, and who have, like ourselves returned to their homes and again settled down into the traces of weekly work. Mrs. Fenwick-Miller's woman's column-or rather, being an English column it is called a Ladies -as one skims it over in the London Illustrated News seems twice as intelligible since one has felt the very firm grasp of the writer's large, well-cared-for hand. When she writes fashions one recalls her varying appearances in her handsome black gown of rich silk, with a delicate pale blue feather boa and a sweet English bonnet of forget-me-nots, as she made her gracious answer to the introduction to the woman's congress, or in a shirt-waist of blue cotton, with a hideous Eton jacket and skirt of blue serge, and a Mary Jane hat, whose ugliness beggars description, as she took her turn at salaaming before the Countess of Aberdeen in the Canadian building. Never did a woman suffer from her gown as did the clever writer in the London News on that last occasion. Another, but a very different sort of woman, was Lucy Stone Blackwell, in her uncorseted rotundity of gray silk or decent black, who made many of us smile by the account she gave of her first Bloomer costumé and the Boston small boys. She has gone to her home, too, but it is a Home where costume doesn't seem to be a serious consideration. Susan B. Anthony has also been met and discreetly let alone by peaceable Canadian scribes. And various foreign dames, in seedy and ill-fitting gowns, but with a soulfashion which captured me entirely, have told of their thoughts and troubles and travails in the far-off corners of Greece and Bohemia and Italy. Athens seems quite adjacent when I recall the earnest chatter of the bright Athenian editress who had such advanced views of worights that her handsome husband ground his teeth in horror at her; and Paris and its prisons grow quite neighborly when sweet white-haired Madame Bogelot links her arm in mine, and walks up and down the Palmer House corridors with me; dear old Prague, with its wonderful quaint corners, and statues, and bridges, and chapels seems but a day's journey while I talk with the dearest, brightest little delegate of them all—the Bohemian—Josephine Zulmar. Denmark will never be strange again since a tall, blushing golden-haired Danish girl laughed with me over her speech in the congress on the Matri-monial Prospects of the Modern Young Woman. A baroness has asked me to her home in Stockholm, and Copenhagen holds a friend whose heart is as large as her shoe, and that is out of all proportion to beauty's rules. We who love people more than things have rich harvest in such a season as that just concluded, and for us it stands out brightly as a time of discovery, commemorating the discovery of our own land by delightful finds from every

The papers say a handsome young Brahmin is creating no end of excitement among females in the West, to whom he is teaching Theosophy. Two or three of them have written to him, informing him that they are led to become his wives, and giving him notice of their readiness to follow aforesaid leadings. If he has only two or three to dodge he will be lucky. Poor Paderewski has two or three score of worshippers, who do not aspire to his hand but prostrate themselves and kiss his coat-tails and his patent leather shoes. Even Oscar Wilde had his little court of feminine fools, and every handsome actor, or beetle-browed pugilist, or gallant soldier, or degraded murderer gets bouquets and notes and is sighed after by someone who should be soundly spanked or shaken. The handsome Brahmin has my sin cerest sympathy, for the female of the West generally gets what she wants or makes some-one suffer for her denial, and, unless in addition to his Theosophy he has the amazing power and adroitness of the Indian magician who bewildered us last summer, he will find himself being marched up the aisle to the strains of some Wagner or Mendelssohn wedding march before he knows where he is.

"Nothing to be thankful for?" cried a bright creature to a tired out, over-worked person last week. "Well, aren't you thankful the cholera didn't come? Aren't you thankful we don't have Anarchists in the opera house? Aren't you thankful you don't live on Church street or in Hamilton? Aren't you thankful for any of se great blessings? Oh! yes, I guess didn't think, did you?" And the over tired person looked more tired than ever and allowed these were things to be thankful for, except that if the bright young creature wouldn't mind, he rather liked living in Hamilton. And the bright young person promptly recalled the last clause and said with a laugh, "Don't tell, but really I liked it myself once!

It was in the hall of the Orphan Asylum. The mother, with quivering lips and yearning eyes, stood looking at her little five-year-old, who was newly admitted to the orphanage. In her arms she held a two-year-old, who was too young to be taken into the Home, and the elder child listened as she murmured, Kiss sissie now, an' we'll be going. five-year-old realized that she was to be left behind. Fright, amazement, remonstrance unloosed her baby tongue. "Oh, mama, I don't want to stay, you won't leave me he who'll mind the baby when you're busy? The mother's voice failed, she turned quickly away, but the matron said brightly, "I'm glad you're good at minding babies ; there's a dozen in there want someone to look after 'em.'
The five-year-old shut her lips tight and peeped through the door. "In here?" she said curiously. "Yes, go in and count 'em!" said the matron carelessly, and the five-year-old went

in. The mother slipped blindly out with tears falling on her baby's pink face, and in half an hour the new little Home girl was bossing her dozen juniors in a game of the kindergarten, and she has been too busy minding them ever since to miss her own little sister

We are apt to think small potatoes of this world's possibilities and when the dearest ideal or loved one or good thing is lost, to say— like the baseball men—"Three out all out." But they aren't, and there are always a dozen waiting to fill up the gap left by one This is fact, not fancy, and facts are sure things to tie to, and something like this I thought as I took in the episode of the little Home girl. LADY GAY.

Adventure with a Canadian Lynx.

The species of wildcat known as the "Canadian Lynx" is one of the most dangerous of the feline tribe, and, in the ploneer days of Western Ontario, was the most dreaded of all the denizens of the Canadian forest. Even at this late day, when thickly wooded glades have given place to cultivated fields, there is an occasional lynx to be found in the backwoods,

but the animal is rapidly becoming extinct.
In the fall of 1870 when all the glories of a beautiful Indian summer were beautifying the earth, and the crimson and gold leaves the maple spread a variegated carpet upon the sward, I had a memorable encounter with a lynx, which at that time were sufficiently numerous and aggressive to render it dangerous to be abroad after nightfall. I was then about ten years of age, sturdy and well built for my age, as became the son of a settler, and was accustomed to "roughing it" from my infancy. I had been sent to the nearest neighbor's

some two miles distant over a corduroy road upon some trifling errand, and, in playing with the neighbor's boys, had not noticed the approach of night until the sun was beneath the horizon. Then I suddenly realized that it was high time for me to be home, and I hurriedly said good-night and started upon my lonesome homeward walk. But I walked very little. Visions of lynx and darkness frighten into a lively trot, and being barefooted I made pretty good time. Once I emerged from the heavy forest that lined each side of the way I would feel comparatively safe, for I would then have the clearing on my father's farm along

When a few yards from the clearing I heard an ominous cracking of branches above me just a few feet in advance. I knew only too well what that meant and sprang forward in wild terror. A minute later and I heard something drop heavily to the road, and glancing fearfully over my shoulder my worst fears proved only too true. A huge lynx, even as I looked, had sprung forward after me over the rough logs and as we burst into the struggling moonlight of the clearing I could see his short ears, long, lank form and strong legs bounding clumsily after me. I gave myself up for lost, my bosom was bursting with fright and breathlessness, when a thought came to me as if by inspiration. I remembered that over in the plowed field to my right there atood a log barn with a deep cellar, in which roots were stored in the winter. If I could only reach it first I would be safe. Acting upon the impulse, I sprang lightly over the rail fence, just as the lynx was almost upon me, and ran swiftly down a furrow towards the barn. My sudden change of route somewhat disconcerted Mr. Cat; but for a moment only. He leaped the fence at a bound me. I had gained a little on him, however, and as I was running in a furrow where the ground was hard, I had the advantage of the lynx, who

was floundering along over the soft, tilled soil.

I reached the welcome shelter of the barn drst, but none too soon. I ran to where a trap door in the floor led down a few steps to the cellar, and, hastily raising it, had just time to go down and pull it after me, when the lynx bounded in at the open door. It paused a moment, doubtless wondering where I had disappeared to, and began to sniff about on the floor, endeavoring to trace me. Its sense of smell was infallible, and led it directly to the trap door. It gave a low growl of delight, ROYAL WOMEN OF EUROPE.



XIX .-- Princess Augusta of Bavaria and Archduke Joseph Augustus of Hungary. Married last week at Munich.

ing up the somewhat loose door and wreaking its baffled rage upon me. It whined and growled in a low, vindictive manner that fairly froze my young blood, but after a time it gradually became quiet, until I was hardly

sure whether it had gone away or not.

It was not a pleasant prospect to think of spending the entire night there in the cellar kept prisoner by a lynx, but there seemed no way out of it. The continued quietness above my head encouraged me in the idea that it had given up the chase and gone back to its forest haunts. As the hope of escape grew upon me I resolved to lift the door just a little way and take a peep, and if I found the coast clear make a bolt for home. So slowly, gently, cautiously, began to raise the door, and seeing nothin to alarm me raised it up several inches. But I had been too confident. A rush of hot breath was upon my cheek, and a lithe paw shot quickly through the narrow opening, and I felt several sharp claws clutch and themselves firmly in the shoulder of my strong, homespun coat. As quickly as possible I drew the trap door shut again upon the lynx's leg, and pulling down on the rope, squeezed the imprisoned paw with all my might. How that cat did howl and snarl and gnaw; and I chuckled to think he could not get away, for his claws were firmly entangled in the strong fabric of my coat. But we each had an elephant on our hands. I could not leave the lynx and the lynx could not get away from me. We would both have been willing then to say "good-night" and separate, but we were helpless. The animal struggled vainly for a while to free itself, and my arms ached from the position in which I had to stand and the continued strain upon my muscles, and the tension of my mind when I thought of my situation was terrible. But at last the lynx grew tired of struggling, and sat quietly down with an occasional low whine or savage snarl when I squeezed its leg harder than usual in my efforts to find an easier posi-

The awful possibility that I might have to sit there till I starved to death appalled me, but calmer thoughts told me that my father would search for me and inevitably look in the barn. They might even be searching for me now. Hark! What was that? A whistle? Yes, the notes of "Annie Laurie" in my father's well and proceeded savagely to try and scratch of "Annie Laurie" in my father's well on the door. Its instinct told it that I was in hiding undernea'h, and it required all my strength upon a short rope fastened upon the under side of the trap door to prevent its tear-

it came, and then I began to call him and yell as loudly as I could. This alarmed my companion the lynx, and it also began to yell and howl and snarl, until between us we raised a perfect bedlam in the quiet night.

Such a racket coming from the old barn at that hour of the night would have caused many a man to take to his heels, but my father was a sensible man and not superstitious, and, more-over, he recognized my voice, and, I may ven-ture, the animal's also. He had a lantern and gun with him, as a matter of protection, and as he came into the barn a glance and my voice told him how matters stood. Setting his lantern down and lying flat upon the floor himself, so that the shot would not pass through the trap door, he put that cat out of its misery in no time, and, incidentally, myself also,

And considering what might have happened, I have reason to remember ture with a Canadian lynx.

R. J. Dunsmore. I have reason to remember my boyish adven-

The Other Side of the Street.

T'S funny how different the other side of the street is from this side. Sometimes the houses are finer, the pavements better, nicer people live across the street. But when we live there ourselves, why then the other side is rather low, and we, in slang parlance, have no use for it. It takes us such a short time to forget that we lived on the other side, and we no sooner give up looking longingly across than we look over with a sort of gentle sadness on the unfortunate denizens of the common houses opposite. They really ought to be pulled down, you know-such a disgrace to the street-and we wonder what the landlord is thinking of to keep such apologies for houses standing. We shouldn't worry, for you know it is just possible that if they were rebuilt we might be on the wrong side of the street, and that wouldn't be pleasant. Strange that a contrast of this kind goes such a long way towards making us happy, but we do not seem to be perfectly happy unless we are better off than somebody else. Of course we do not admit this, for we are sure that we don't rejoice in anyone's poverty, whatever you may do; but all the same it makes a difference, and we feel far more comfortable when we are just a little

badly to get over to it. After we have, by dint of great effort and an extensive use of quotations from profane writers, got into and over the mud, it is just the same thing, only we kick ourselves for crossing and wonder if there is really another fool quite as big as we I speak in the plural number, because I den't like to be personal; it hurts my feelings.
Then there are women and hens, particularly hens. They always want to cross the stree especially if there is anything in sight that might run over them. Women, that is, some women, take a delight (hens would if they were big enough) in crossing just in front of a rig driven by a male man, making him pull up short and take the risk of smashing his reputation for piety into smithereens by the use of various profane, under the breath ejaculations which are really necessary under the circumstances.

"On the other side of the street" is a great place, especially when you live there and can't find it. "Jhust acrosh-e-street" is a very definite answer to the cop, who is willing to put you in the way of getting home instead of calling the patrol. He does not live in this city, but if he did he would find some difficulty in locating the precise locality designated, par-ticularly if he met you in Tannery Hollow or the subway. Some fellows are never in this condition, but—well, those who have been there know how it is.

If you are unfortunate enough to live just ross the street from your best girl you get into all sorts of scrapes in consequence. She knows every time you go out and of course you don't always go to see her. She wouldn't want you if you did; still, girls are such unreasonable creatures, that every time this happens you catch fits, all on account of living on the other side of the street. If you were on the same side she couldn't see you, and this applies to lots of other things. It is the man across the street who is rough to his wife and children, and is a miserable sort of a fellow in consequence. If we lived next door we would hear the provocation and make allowances for him, as we do for ourselves under similar cir. cumstances; while if he were on some other street he would be a jolly good fellow and all sorts of a nice man. It does not do to be near your shrine too constantly, and I would advise all young men to fight against all temptations of bright eyes across the street. Girls should be just as careful, and should positively not have a friend (male) or a "dear friend" (female

Talking of best girls " reminds me " of one I

went to see one evening. She wasn't mine, but I thought she was, and that amounted to the same thing, until she married the other fellow, as they usually do in my case. But I went to see her. She lived just out of town. There were no sidewalks and the night was dark, and of course I was on the wrong side of the street. She was on the other, and the mud lay thick between. My boots wore that peculiarly bright yet placid look that only results from frequent polishing, and I wanted her to see them in all their effulgence. Should I cross or go home? I crossed, and bore the evidences of my decision into the presence of two smiling nonentities (they are always smiling nonentities in such cases) who had known enough to wear rubbers. Then I wished I hadn't. "Oh, why left I my home, why did I cross?" etc. But 'tis ever thus; we are not content with this side, unless we are priests or Levites, and not many of us have strength of mind to pass by on the other side. I often think of the trouble those two saved themselves by the subjugation of their curiosity, and envy them their strength ot mind. Of course, I try to emulate them, but my curiosity, like the Samaritan, gets the better of me and I cross over. Some people point to this action of the Samaritan's with pride, and I have heard it used as a text for a sermon and alluded to as a beautiful trait of character, but it was only curiosity. He wanted to see what was the matter with the man, so that he could talk about it. Perhaps he was a reporter, and wanted a scoop; any way, he got himself into trouble and expense as well, for he couldn't leave the poor duffer in a hole like that even if he had been out with the boys and got cleaned out. Any one of us would have helped him in the same way, if we had only been curious and taken the time.

That's the trouble, we don't care what be-

comes of those on the other side of the street. It is rather low, unless we are missionaries, to be interested in other people's concerns, and besides, we haven't time. It's hustle or get left nowadays, and naturally we hustle, for the man who gets left is a poor sort of fellow and always lives on the wrong side of the street. I wonder if the time will ever come when this terrible rush and drive will be over, when there won't be any "other side of the street," or if there should be, those of us who live on the best side will forget all about the difference and act as though all men were born free and equal, and any man's or woman's best is the

equal, and any man's or woman's best is the best there is.

We men are too much inclined to put women on the other side of the street, simply because they are women. And yet women and hens are considerably alike, as far as crossing the street is concerned.

With all of us the other side of the street is not this side, nor would we like it if it were. This, of course, is Irish, but most of us understand Irish. We are ever trying to get across. Sometimes we succeed and feel that we are really over, but oftener the street seems turned around and the side we left is still the other side to us. It's a good thing to want to get over into something better, and I hope we'll always keep on trying. Only don't let us look across diadainfully, or with an anxious aye. Either feeling is bad for us, and while they last we are not likely to reach the realization that it is all one street and must have its other side.

The Pioneer of the Pacific.

The first steamer to plough the waters of the Pacific, the paddle wheel Beaver, was built in England for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1835, and made her way via Cape Horn to the Columbia (then the Oregon) river shortly afterwards. She was used in every part of British Columbia's vast waterways for more than balf a century, and was wrecked close to Vancouver City not long ago. The citizens of that portion of the Dominion look upon the old vessel with affection; and it is on record that the natives, when she first appeared, ran away into the bush, to escape the "Devil's big fire



The Beaver, the First Steamer of the Pacific Ocean.

The Boy We All Know-The Man We All Know-Who Minds Everybody's Business While

It has been told me, by those in a position to ductor, who had returned, pointing an accus know, and I can easily believe it, that at nine ing forefinger at the elder of the ladies. teen months of age he wept because his grand mother would not allow him to feed her with a spoon; and that at three and a half he was fished, in an exhausted condition, out of the water-butt, whither he had climbed for the purpose of teaching a frog how to swim.

Two years later he got his left eye permanently injured, showing the cat how to carry kittens without hurting them; and about the same period was dangerously stung by a bee while conveying it from a flower where, as i seemed to him, it was only wasting its time, to one more rich in honey-making properties. His desire was always to help others. He

would spend whole mornings explaining to elderly hens how to hatch eggs, and give up an afternoon blackberrying in order to sit at home and crack nuts for his pet squirrel. Before he was seven he would argue with his mother upon the management of children, and reprove his father for the way he was bringing

him up.

As a child nothing afforded him greater delight than "minding" other children-or them less. He would take this harassing duty upon himself entirely of his own accord, without hope of reward or grati-It was immaterial to him whether the other children were older than himself or younger, stronger or weaker; whenever and wherever he found them he set to work to 'mind" them. Once, during a school treat, piteous cries were heard coming from a distant part of the wood, and, upon search being made, he was discovered prone upon the ground, with a cousin of his, a boy twice his own weight, sitting upon him and steadily whacking him. Having rescued him, the teacher said :

"Why didn't you keep with the little boys? What were you doing along with him?"
"Please, sir," he answered, "I was minding

He would have "minded" Noah if he had got

He was a good-natured lad, and at school he was always willing for the whole class to copy from his slate; indeed, he would urge them to do so. He meant it kindly, but inasmuch as his answers were invariably quite wrong—with a distinctive and inimitable wrongness, peculiar to himself-the result to his followers, from a labor-saving point of view, proved emi-nently unsatisfactory, and with the shallowness of youth that, ignoring motives, judges by results, they would wait for him outside and punch him.

All his energies went to the instruction of others, leaving name for his own purposes. He would take callow youths to his chambers and teach them to box.

"Now try and hit me on the nose," he would say, standing before them in an attitude of defence, "don't be afraid. Hit as hard as ever

Then they would hit him; and, as soon as he had recovered from his surprise, and a little lessened the bleeding, he would explain to them how they had done it all wrong, and how easily he could have stopped the blow if they had only hit him properly.

Twice at golf he lamed himself for over a

week, showing a novice how to "drive," and at cricket on one occasion I remember seeing his middle stump go down like a nine-pin just as he was in the very midst of explaining to the bowler how to get his balls in straight. After which he had a long argument with the umpire as to whether he was in or out.

He has been known during a stormy channel passage to rush excitedly upon the bridge in order to inform the caprain that he had "just seen a light about two miles away to the left," and if he is on top of an onnibus he generally aits beside the driver and points out to him the various obstacles likely to impede their pro

It was in a bus that my own personal acquaintanceship with him began. I was sitting behind two young ladies when the conductor came up to collect fares. One of them handed him a sixpence, telling him to take them to Piccadilly Circus-which was two

"No," said the other lady to her friend, handing the man a shilling, "I owe you six-pence; you give me fourpence and I'll pay for

The conductor took the shilling, punched two twonenny tickets, and then stood trying to

"That's right," said the lady who had spoken last; "give my friend fourpence"—the con-ductor did so—"Now you give that fourpence me"-the friend handed it you," she concluded to the conductor, "give me eightpence. Then we shall be all right.

The conductor doled out to her the eightpence-the sixpence he had taken from the first lady with a penny and two ha'pennies out of his own bag-distrustfully, and retired muttering something about his duties not includ-

ing those of a lightning calculator.
"Now," said the elder lady to the younger, "I owe you a shilling."

I deemed the incident closed, when suddenly a florid gentleman on the opposite seat called out in stentorian tones :

Conductor, you've cheated these ladies out of fourpence."

"Oo's cheated 'oo out o' fourpence !" replied the ladignant conductor from the top of the

step; "it was a twopenny fare,"
"Two tuppences don't make eightpence," retorted the florid gentleman hotly. "How much did you give the fellow?" he asked, addressing the first of the young ladies.

"I gave him sixpence," replied the lady, examining her purse; "and then I gave you fourpence, you know," she added, addressing her companion.

'That's a dear two pen'oth," chimed in a common-looking man on the seat behind.

"Oh, that's impossible, dear," returned the ther, "because I owed you sixpence to begin with.

" But I did," persisted the first lady.

ing forefinger at the elder of the ladies The elder lady nodded.

'And I give you sixpence and two pennies didn't I ?"

The lady admitted it. "An' I give 'er" (pointing towards the younger lady) "fourpence, didn't I?" Which I gave you, you know, dear, re

marked the younger lady.
"Blow me, if it ain't me as 'as been cheated out of the fournence." cried the conductor. "But," said the florid gentleman, " the othe

lady gave you sixpence." "Which I gave to 'er," replied the conductor, again pointing the finger of accusation at the elder lady; "you can search my bag if yer like. I ain't got a bloomin' sixpence on me." By this time everybody had forgotten what

they had done, and contradicted themselves and one another. The florid man took it upon himself to put everybody right, with the result that before Piccadilly Circus was reached three passengers had threatened to report the conductor for unbecoming language; the conductor had called a policeman and taken the names and addresses of the two ladies, intending to sue them for the fourpence (which they wanted to pay, but which the florid man would not allow them to do); the younger lady had become convinced that the elder lady had meant to cheat her, and the elder lady was in

The florid gentleman and myself continued in the 'bus to Charing Cross station. At the booking office window it transpired that we were bound for the same suburb, and we journeyed down together. He talked about the

fourpence all the way.

At my gate we shook hands and he was good enough to express delight at the discovery that we were near neighbors. What attracted him to myself I failed to understand, for he had bored me considerably, and I had to the best of my ability snubbed him. Subsequently I learned that it was a peculiarity of his to be charmed with anyone who did not openly insult

Three days afterwards he burst into my study unannounced—he appeared to regard himself as my bosom friend—and asked me to forgive him for not having called sooner,

"I met the postman as I was coming along." he said, handing me a blue envelope, "and he gave me this for you." I saw it was an application for the water

"We must make a stand against this," he continued. "That's for water to September 29. You've no right to pay it in June."

I replied to the effect that water rates had to be paid, and that it seemed to me immaterial

whether they were paid in June or September.
"That's not it," he answered. "It's the principle of the thing. Why should you pay for water you never had? What right have they to bully you into paying what you don't

He was a fluent talker, and I was ass enough to listen to him. By the end of half an hour he had persuaded me that the question was bound up with the inalienable rights of man, and that if I paid that fourteen and tenpence in June instead of in September, I should be unworthy of the privileges my forefathers had fought and died to bestow upon me.

He told me the company had not a leg to stand upon, and, at his instigation, I sat down and wrote an insulting letter to the chairman.

The secretary replied that, having regard to the attitude I had taken up, it would be incumbent on themselves to treat it as a test case. and presumed that my solicitors would accep ervice on my behalf.

When I showed him this letter he was de-

You leave it to me," he said, pocketing the correspondence, "and we'll teach them a les

I left it to him. My only excuse is that at the time I was immersed in the writing of a farcical comedy. What little sense I possessed mus', I suppose, have been absorbed by the

The magistrate's decision somewhat dam pened my ardor, but only inflamed his zeal.

Magistrates, he said, were muddle-headed old

fogies. This was a matter for a judge.

The judge was a kindly old gentleman, and said that, bearing in mind the unsatisfactory wording of the sub-clause, he did not think he could allow the company their costs; so that, all told, I got off for something under £50 - inclusive of the original fourteen and tenpence.

Afterwards our friendship waned : but, liv was bound to see a good deal of him and hear

At parties of all kinds he was particularly prominent, and on such occasions, being in his ost good-natured mood, was most to be dreaded. No human being could have worked harder for the enjoyment of others, or have produced more universal wretchedness.

One Christmas afternoon, calling moon a friend, I found some fourteen or fifteen elderly ladies and gentlemen trotting solemnly round a row of chairs in the center of the draw ing-room, while Poppleton played the plano. Every new and then Popple-ton would suddenly cease, and everyone would drop wearily into the nearest chair. evidently glad of a rest-all but one, who rould thereupon creep quietly away, followed by the envying looks of those left behind. I stood by the door wa'ching the weird scene. Presently an escaped player came towards me, and I enquired of him what the ceremony was

supposed to signify.
"Don't ask me," he answered grumpily, "some of Poppleton's tomfoolery." Then he added savagely: "We've got to play forfeits after this."

The servant was still waiting a favorable opportunity to announce me. I gave her a shilling not to, and got away unperceived.

After a satisfactory dinner, he would sug-" But I did," persisted the first lady.
"You gave me a shilling," said the con- up mats, or help him move the plane to the

other end of the room.

He knew enough round games to have started a small purgatory. Just as you were in the middle of an interesting discussion or a delightful tete attete with a pretty woman, he would swoop down upon you with :

"Come along, we're going to play literary consequences," and, dragging you to the table and putting a piece of paper and a pencil before you, would tell you to write a description of your favorite heroine in fiction, and would see that you did it.

He never spared himself. It was always he who would volunteer to escort the ladies to the station, and who would never leave them until he had seen them safely into the wrong train ; it was he who would play "wild beasts" with the children and frighten them into fits that would last all night.

So far as intention went he was the kindliest man alive. He never visited poor sick persons without taking with him in his pocket some little delicacy calculated to dis agree with them and make them worse. He arranged yachting excursions for bad sailors entirely at his own expense, and seemed to regard their subsequent agonies as ingrati-

He loved to manage a wedding. Once he planned matters so that the bride arrived at the altar three-quarters of an hour before the groom, which led to unpleasantness upon a day that should have been filled only with joy; and once he forgot the clergyman. But he was always ready to admit when he made a mis-

At funerals, also, he was to the fore, point ing out to the grief-stricken relatives how much better it was for all concerned that the corpse was dead, and expressing a pious hope that they would soon join it.

The chiefest delight of his life, however was to be mixed up in other people's domestic quarrels. No domestic quarrel for miles around was complete without him. He generally came in as mediator and finished as leading witness for the appellant.

As a journalist or politician his wonderful grasp of other people's business would probably have won for him esteem and love. The error he made was working it out in practice,-

Are Scotsmen Void of Humor?

What are the facts? The most cursory or superficial study of British literature will show that a very fair proportion of the humorous works of the past has been the product of Scot tish brains, and the writer has yet to learn that Ramsay, Ferguson, Burns, Scott, Hogg and Wilson were deficient in native wit. Be sides, it is a patent fact that some of the brightest and wittiest literary productions of the present day are turned out by the "Lon-don Scottish Brigade," for no one will surely venture to say that Robert Louis Stevenson Andrew Lang, J. M. Barrie and Robert Bu chanan-to mention no others-are mere senti mental dullards, incapable of humor and un able to appreciate or perpetrate a joke.

The novels, too, of William Black, Charles Gibbon and George Macdonald contain funds of quiet humor; and John Galt-a Scottish novelist now undeservedly forgotten—has por-trayed the pawky nature of the jovial Scot in a series of inimitable pictures. Indeed, the writer is inclined to believe that the Scottish nation is light-hearted and far from being com posed, as is often represented, of sour-vis Covenanters who think a joke a device of the Evil One.

The comic journals of the Metropolis are often indebted to the people of the North for some of their most pointed witticisms, a fact that should go far to discount the worth of the ancient anecdote about the surgical operation.

Dean Ramsay's book of Scottish anecdotes is

one of the most amusing and instructive of volumes. The Dean, perhaps, claims more for Scotland than is warrantable; but doubtless. if the history of original jokes were written, it would be found that a considerable number had their birth in the " Land o' Cakes."

It must be confessed that, at first sight, the configuration of Scotland does not lend itself to the theory that the Scotch are a humorous people. Climate and temperature have a great deal to do with the formation of a nation's char acter, but the Scotch seem to belie the theory that a rugged country necessarily breeds a steri and dull people, for amid the rains and mists of their native mountains and valleys they nur ture both prose and poetry in their own quiet vernacular. Scotch humor can never become universally popular, however, because the peculiar dialect precludes its acceptance or appreciation among the many people who can not overcome the difficulties of the tongue in which Burns sang.

Not Quite Wide-Awake Enough.

young gentleman who was very fond of displaying his watch and guard, and who had, oreover, a passion for attending theaters and other places of amusement, was once thus admonished by his father:

John, my son, let me give you a bit of advice. As you are so fond of attending the theaters, let me request you not to display your watch and guard so conspicuously, or you will assuredly have ere long to mourn the loss

Now John, who thought himself too sharp for that, replied : "No fear, father; I am much too wide-awake for that."

A few evenings after this the father wished to accompany his son to the theater, greatly to John's delight. Having got safely inside and taken their seats, the father said: "Are your watch and chain all right, John ?

"Of course," replied John, laughing. At the same time he felt in his pocket; but immediately his expression changed, and looking sheepishly at his father, he stammered out: It's gone!

"Why," said his father, laughing in turn, I thought you were much too wide-awake for that; but I shall surprise you when I tell you that I took it, to prove to you how easy it is for a man to rob you of it in a crowd."

"You, father?" "Yes, John; I bought these scissors, commonly used for such a purpose, and (still laughing) transferred the watch from your pocket to mine; and see, here it is." With this he put

his hand into his pocket. He suddenly, how ever, ceased laughing, and, looking as sheepish as John had done before, stammered: "John wh-wh-why, John, yours and mi-mine are both gone! Someone has evidently been more wide-awake than both of us."

Meeting Trouble Half-Way.

Mademoiselle Lilli, a young lady of six sum-mers, questions her mother: "Say, mamma, when I'm grown up, shall I have a husband like Aunty Naomi?

"Why, certainly, my dear."
"Ah! and if I remain single, shall I be like Aunt Pulcheria?'

"Of course, darling." After thinking it over a while, Mile. Lilli heaves a sigh: "How sad is the lot in life of us poor women."—La Lanterne.

The Right Man for the Post.

A poor fellow applied to the manager of a financial company for an appointment on the staff. "What can you do?" enquired; the manager

No reply. "Come, why don't you answer?"
"I am deaf, sir," the applicant muttered in s

timid sort of way.
"Deaf! Why, you are just the man I want

I have a vacancy that will exactly suit you. You may start to-morrow, in the enquiry office.—Le Petit Parisien. Helpless and Hopeless.

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From the St. Thomas Journal.

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than it is now. I can stand work better than I could for years before I was taken ill, and feel like a new woman. I went down to Tilsonburg on a visit recently and my children and old friends and neighbors could hardly credit that I was cured, but it is a joyful fact nevertheless."

Mr. Cope was present during the interview with his wife and said: "I know that every word my wife has said is true, and both of us are prepared to make affidavits to its truth at any time. She suffered so much with the sores that I thought she would gu crazy, and had little hope that she would eye round. You may be certain that we are profoundly grateful for this wonderful remedy, and that we never lose an opportunity to say a good word for it. It has brought my wife health and strength after everything else had failed, and we have reason to be deeply thankful."

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A Pain of Glass.

"I am very sorry, Fred. I had got to like fair very much, and she has been very faithful to her duties and a good saleswoman, and all that, but I cannot permit this pillering to go on; it will lead to something worse before long. I think the best way to save her feelings will be just to tell her at the end of the week that we don't require her services any longer, and in that way get quietly rid of her without any direct accusation. You know we took her solely on her own recommendation, without asking for any references—in fact, I'll do her the justice to admit that she frankly told us the could not furnish any, being a stranger in the place. But this stealing has been going on for a month now, and as far as we know or can find out she is the first one here in the morn-ing, and is here alone long enough to give her an opportunity to help herself. Another thing I have noticed, and that is that she has had several little trinkets lately, which seem to ma decidedly more extravagant than a girl with her means could afford to indulge in, unless she has come by them through such means as I begin to fear she is guilty of." Fred bit his lip and was silent.

It would not have helped the case at all for him to have told his father just then that he knew the source whence she had derived those little gifts, which he had contrived to convey to her in such a way that she would not be able to detect the giver and so return them, and which it had afforded him such delight to see her wear, little dreaming at the time that they would only serve as an addi-tional means of strengthening suspicion

He had been only waiting a favorable opporthe had been only waiting a lavatate oppor-tunity to speak to her of his feelings and assure himself of her sentiments, before telling his father of the hopes he had been cherishing; but before that opportunity arrived this unexpected trouble and threatened disgrace had cast a shadow over the fair name of the girl he secretly loved.

"I'll stake my life, father, that she hasn't a trinket about her but what is honestly come by," he exclaimed, after a moment's embar-rassed silence, "and that she is a thoroughly honest and trustworthy girl. Don't discharge her this week, father. Give her—give me one week more and let me see if I cannot discover the thief. I promise that if I find it is indeed she, I will not try to shield her. But let me have that much time to try and discover the real culprit."

"I don't see how you are going to do it," re-plied Mr. Adams, looking around the apart-ment. "There is no way that I can see but of getting here shead of the thief, whoever it is, and, of course, the money will not be taken with you looking on, and there is no way for you to conceal yourself in the room here. You know I have been accustomed to leave money in that drawer, for the convenience of giving change if it should be needed before I get down in the morning, and nobody knows but you that I am in the habit of counting it every night before leaving, and that for the last month it has not balanced with the cashier's account, but constantly shows a deficiency. It must be taken in the morning, before we get here, and Miss Allen is, as she has said herself, the first one here; indeed, she has a key of her own, so that she can get in as early as she pleases.'

Fred's eyes had been roving around the room while his father was speaking. There was, as he said, no possible chance for his concealing he said, no possible chance for his concealing himself anywhere in the room without making the fact of that concealment evident, and thus defeating his purpose; but as he glanced over at the desk, which stood at the opposite side of the room, near the window, and in one drawer of which was kept the money for such miscellaneous extensive the logical properties. penses as postage, telegrams, and other inci-dental small expenditure, and from which sums that could not be accounted for had been missing for a month past, his face lightened. The window faced another window of a large building, the side of which was separated only by a narrow court, and which was for the time vacant, and a suggestion occurred to him, which he seized upon at once.

"I'll admit it does look black against her, father," he said, "but I believe I can find a way in a week's time either to vindicate her or prove that your suspicions are just, though I believe that it will vindicate her. Just let me have one more week, and if I don't discover the culprit by that time I will make no further

"All right, my boy," said Mr. Adams, smiling, and perhaps not altogether without an intuition as to the cause of his son's earnestness, "I can stand the loss of a few pounds more, I guess. Find the culprit, and you may name

'I don't desire any reward," replied Fred. But his troubled face told another story, and

one that his father was not slow to detect Not only Margery Allen, but the three other girls in the employ of Mr. Adam's photographic establishment, missed the frank, bright smile and pleasant word with which his son had been wont to greet them, and into Margery's pretty eyes crept a look of hurt surprise, mingled with a deeper feeling, that went to Fred's very heart. But he maintained his demeanor unshakenly, meanwhile, however, studying each face and act of the girls with a scrutiny he had never bestowed upon them be-fore, and by night he had pretty well settled in his own mind as to the culprit, but to make that suspicion a certainty was the task that

If any of the girls, in passing near the window where the desk stood, had chanced to glance at the building opposite, they might have noticed that it had been provided with a shade, with the exception of one pane of glass, where the shade had been cut away. But they either did not notice it or did not think it of sufficient consequence to mention it if they did, and the day's work went on as usual, except that Margery remarked to herself, with a little faster beating of the heart, that it was the first day since her finding the employment that had been to her such a boon that Fred's eyes had failed to meet hers with an encouraging or friendly smile, in which, of late, she had

imagined she could detect a warmer sentiment.

The next morning the girls were at their work as usual when Mr. Adams and his son

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entered the establishment. Both gentlemen looked serious, but on Fred's face was also clearly manifest a look of triumphant satisfac-

"Young ladies," said Mr. Adams, addressing his employees, "I have rather an unpleasant subject to introduce this morning, but it is not of my choosing, and I would prefer to give you an opportunity to acknowledge your act, than to charge you with it. Which of you is first here in the morning?"

"I believe I am, sir," answered Margery, to

which the others assented.
"Well, I am sorry to report that for some time past I have been missing small sums of money from the drawer where I keep the change for incidental expenses, and to which you have all access, as occasion requires," con-tinued Mr. Adams. "Now, I will put it to you formally, Miss Allen, do you know anything in regard to the missing money?"

"I do not, sir," she replied, lifting her eyes to his face, with a look of perfect innocence and truthfulness, while Fred, in his delight and joy, could scarce restrain himself from hugging her on the spot.

"Miss Wilson, do you?-or you, Miss Doug-las?-or you, Miss Ferris?"

A most emphatic denial was the unanimous

"Well," said Mr. Adams, "it seems that we must resort to some other means to ascertain the culprit. What have you to say, Fred?"

"Merely to ask the young ladies if any of them recognize anyone they know in this," herself. responded Fred, drawing out a small plate and laying it before them. There was an ex-cellent photograph of the interior of the room, and bending over the open drawer of the desk in the act of taking some silver from it, was the unmistakable profile, face and figure of

Lottie Wilson.

With a startled cry she drew back, covering her burning face with her hands.

"If you will tell me the whole story I will let you off with no greater punishment than being discharged from my service," said Mr. Adams sternly. "Otherwise, I shall call an officer and hand you over to him forthwith."

Overcome with terror at this threat, Lottic obbingly confessed that she had been the thief, having coaxed the housekeeper to let her in on the plea that she wanted to get to work early, and then slipping out again, and not returning until after Margery had arrived, so that if the theft was discovered auspicion would fall on her. Mr. Adams heard her to the end, then, quietly requesting her to get her hat and cloak, attended her to the door and bowed her out; then returning to Margery, who

Margery bowed, too happy to speak after one sloquent look from Fred's eyes, and went back to her duties with a heart bounding high. At the appointed hour Fred accompanied her to his home, where, after being introduced to his mother, who took the orphan girl to her heart and embrace at once, they told her the story.

"The moment I looked at that window of the building opposite," Fred said, in conclusion, "it occurred to me that I might make use of it as a point, not only of observation, but from which I could obtain a view of the place and of the culprit. By investigating and experimenting I found that I could photograph the room accurately. And I had a shade put up, leaving only one pane of glass exposed, in front of which I could place my machine and do the work without being seen in return. I was there this morning by daylight, arranged my apparatus, and, about half an hour before your time of coming, the door opened, and Lottie Wilson came in. I waited until she was in the very act of taking the money, as you see, and then secured my snap shot, that vindicated you, my darling, and has made me the happiest man alive-all by the aid of that blessed pane of glass."

He had not intended to make his avowal of love in such a fashion, but his joy and affection burst from him simultaneously, and the next moment he had her in rapturous embrace,

Good bye, my dear daughter," Mrs. Adams whispered, as she bade her good bye before resigning her to Fred's care to escort her home. "You shall be my daughter in a very few reeks if I have anything to say about it.

And that she not only had considerable to say about it, but said it, was evidenced by the modest but delightful little wedding that took place not long after, at which Fred and Margery were the principal parties interested, and, if their faces were any indication, happiest people that could be found anywhere.

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It has been told me, by those in a position to | ductor, who had returned, pointing ap accus know, and I can easily believe it, that at nine-teen months of age he wept because his grand-mother would not allow him to feed her with a apoon; and that at three and a half he was fished, in an exhausted condition, out of the water-butt, whither he had climbed for the

purpose of teaching a frog how to swim.

Two years later he got his left eye perma. nently injured, showing the cat how to carry without hurting them; and about the same period was dangerously stung by a bee while conveying it from a flower where, as it seemed to him, it was only wasting its time, to one more rich in honey-making properties.

His desire was always to help others. He would spend whole mornings explaining to elderly hens how to hatch eggs, and give up an afternoon blackberrying in order to sit at home and crack nuts for his pet squirrel. Before he was seven he would argue with his mother upon the management of children, and reprove his father for the way he was bringing

him up.

As a child nothing afforded him greater delight than "minding" other children—or them less. He would take this harassing duty upon himself entirely of his own accord, and without hope of reward or grati-tude. It was immaterial to him whether the other children were older than himself or younger, stronger or weaker; whenever and wherever he found them he set to work to "mind" them. Once, during a school treat, piteous cries were heard coming from a distant part of the wood, and, upon search being made, he was discovered prone upon the ground, with a cousin of his, a boy twice his own weight, sitting upon him and steadily whacking him. Having rescued him, the teacher said :

Why didn't you keep with the little boys? What were you doing along with him?"
"Please, sir," he answered, "I was minding

He would have "minded" Noah if he had got

He was a good natured lad, and at school he was always willing for the whole class to copy from his slate; indeed, he would urge them to do so. He meant it kindly, but inasmuch as his answers were invariably quite wrong—with a distinctive and inimitable wrongness, peculiar to himself-the result to his followers. from a labor-saving point of view, proved emi nently unsatisfactory, and with the shallownews of youth that, ignoring motives, judges by results, they would wait for him outside and punch him.

All his energies went to the instruction of others, leaving none for his own purposes. He would take callow youths to his chambers and teach them to box.

" Now try and hit me on the nose," he would say, standing before them in an attitude of de-fence, "don't be afraid. Hit as hard as ever

Then they would hit him; and, as soon as he had recovered from his surprise, and a little lessened the bleeding, he would explain to them how they had done it all wrong, and how saily he could have stopped the blow if they had only hit him properly.

Twice at golf he lamed himself for over a

week, showing a novice how to "drive," and at cricket on one occasion I remember seeing his middle stump go down like a nine-pin just as he was in the very midst of explaining to the bowler how to get his balls in straight. After which he had a long argument with the umpire as to whether he was in or out.

He has been known during a stormy channel passage to rush excitedly upon the bridge in order to inform the captain that he had "just seen a light about two miles away to the left,' and if he is on top of an omnibus he generally sits beside the driver and points out to him the various obstacles likely to impede their pro

was in a 'bus that my own personal acquaintanceship with him began. I was sitting behind two young ladies when the conductor came up to collect fares. One of them handed him a sixpence, telling him to take them to Piccadilly Circus-which was two-

"No," said the other lady to her friend, handing the man a shilling, "I owe you six-pence; you give me fourpence and I'll pay for

The conductor took the shilling, punched two

twopenny tickets, and then stood trying to

last; "give my friend fourpence"—the con-ductor did so-"Now you give that fourpence the friend handed you," she concluded to the conductor, "give me eightpence. Then we shall be all right.

The conductor doled out to her the eightpence-the sixpence he had taken from the first lady with a penny and two ha'pennies out of his own bag-distrustfully, and retired muttering something about his duties not includ-

ing those of a lightning calculator.
"Now," said the elder lady to the younger, "I owe you a shilling." I deemed the incident closed, when suddenly

a florid gentleman on the opposite seat called out in stentorian tones :

"Hi! Conductor, you've cheated there ladies

out of fournence." "Oo's cheated 'oo out o' fourpence f" replied

the indignant conductor from the top of the step; "it was a twopenny fare."
'Two tuppences don't make eightpence," re-

torted the florid gentleman hotly. "How much did you give the fellow?" he asked, addressing the first of the young ladies. "I gave him sixpence," replied the lady, examining her purse; "and then I gave you fourpence, you know," she added, addressing

That's a dear two pen'oth," chimed in a

common-looking man on the seat behind.
"Oh, that's impossible, dear," returned the other, "because I owed you sixpence to begin with."

But I did," persisted the first lady.

ing forefluger at the elder of the ladie.
The elder lady nodded.

"And I give you sixpence and two pennies

The lady admitted it.

"An' I give 'er" (pointing towards the younger lady) "fourpence, didn't I?" "Which I gave you, you know, dear, remarked the younger lady.

"Blow me, if it ain't me as 'as been cheated out of the fourpence," cried the conductor.
"But," said the florid gentleman, "the other

lady gave you sixpence."
"Which I gave to 'er," replied the conductor again pointing the finger of accusation at the elder lady; "you can search my bag if yer like. I ain't got a bloomin' sixpence on me. By this time everybody had forgotten what

they had done, and contradicted themselves and one another. The florid man took it upon himself to put everybody right, with the result that before Piccadilly Circus was reached three passengers had threatened to report the conductor for unbecoming language; the conductor had called a policeman and taken the names and addresses of the two ladies, intending to sue them for the fourpeace (which they wanted to pay, but which the florid man would not allow them to do); the younger lady had become convinced that the elder lady had meant to cheat her, and the elder lady was in

The florid gentleman and myself continued in the 'bus to Charing Cross station. At the booking office window it transpired that we ound for the same suburb, and we journeyed down together. He talked about the

fourpence all the way.

At my gate we shook hands and he was good enough to express delight at the discovery that we were near neighbors. What attracted him to myself I failed to understand, for he had bored me considerably, and I had to the est of my ability snubbed him. Subsequently I learned that it was a peculiarity of his to be charmed with anyone who did not openly insult

Three days afterwards he burst into my study unannounced—he appeared to regard himself as my bosom friend—and asked me to forgive him for not having called sooner

"I met the postman as I was coming along. he said, handing me a blue envelope, "and he gave me this for you." I saw it was an application for the water

"We must make a stand against this " he

continued. "That's for water to September 29. You've no right to pay it in June." I replied to the effect that water rates had to

be paid, and that it seemed to me immaterial whether they were paid in June or September.
"That's not it," he answered. "It's the principle of the thing. Why should you pay for water you never had? What right have they to bully you into paying what you don't

to listen to him. By the end of half an hour he had persuaded me that the question was bound up with the inalienable rights of man, and that if I paid that fourteen and tenpence in June instead of in September, I should be unworthy of the privileges my forefathers had fought and died to bestow upon me.

He told me the company had not a leg to stand upon, and, at his instigation, I sat down and wrote an insulting letter to the chairman.

The secretary replied that, having regard to the attitude I had taken up, it would be incumbent on themselves to treat it as a test case. and presumed that my solicitors would accep service on my behalf.

When I showed him this letter he was de

You leave it to me," he said, pocketing the correspondence, "and we'll teach them a les

I left it to him. My only excuse is that a the time I was immersed in the writing of a farcical comedy. What little sense I possessed must, I suppose, have been absorbed by the

The magistrate's decision somewhat dam pened my ardor, but only inflamed his zeal. Magistrates, he said, were muddle-headed old

ogies. This was a matter for a judge.

The judge was a kindly old gentleman, and said that, bearing in mind the unsatisfactory wording of the sub-clause, he did not think he could allow the company their costs; so that, "Thav's right," said the lady who had spoken all told, I got off for something under £50sst; "give my friend fourpence"—the coninclusive of the original fourteen and tenpence.

Afterwards our friendship waned : but, liv was bound to see a good deal of him and hear

At parties of all kinds he was particularly prominent, and on such occasions, being in his most good-natured mood, was most to be dreaded. No human being could have worked harder for the enjoyment of others, or have produced more universal wretchedness,

One Christmas afternoon, calling upon friend, I found some fourteen or fifteen elderly ladies and gentlemen trotting solemnly round a row of chairs in the center of the draw a row of chairs in the conservations, room, while Poppleton played the plano. Every now and then Poppleton would suddenly cease, and everyone would drop wearily into the nearest chair evidently glad of a rest-all but one, who would thereupon creep quietly away, followed by the envying looks of those left behind. ood by the door wa'ching the weird scene. Presently an escaped player came towards me, and I enquired of him what the ceremony was

supposed to signify.
"Don't ask me," he answered grumpily. "some of Poppleton's tomfoolery." Then he added savagely: "We've got to play forfeits

after this." The servant was still waiting a favorable opportunity to announce me. I gave her a shilling not to, and got away unperceived.

After a satisfactory dinner, he would suggest an impromptu dance, and want you to roll "You gave me a shilling," said the con- up mats, or help him mave the plane to the

other end of the room.

He knew enough round games to have started a small purgatory. Just as you were in the middle of an interesting discussion or a delightful tete a-tete with a pretty woman, he would swoop down upon you with

"Come along, we're going to play literary consequences," and, dragging you to the table and putting a piece of paper and a pencil before you, would tell you to write a description of your favorite heroine in fiction, and would see that you did it.

He never spared himself. It was always he who would volunteer to escort the ladies to the station, and who would never leave them until he had seen them safely into the wrong train; it was he who would play "wild beasts" with the children and frighten them into fits that would last all night.

So far as intention went he was the kindliest man alive. He never visited poor sick persons without taking with him in his nocket some little delicacy calculated to disagree with them and make them worse. He arranged yachting excursions for bad sailors entirely at his own expense, and seemed to regard their subsequent agonies as ingrati-

He loved to manage a wedding. Once he planned matters so that the bride arrived at the altar three-quarters of an hour before the groom, which led to unpleasantness upon a day that should have been filled only with joy; and once he forgot the clergyman. But he was always ready to admit when he made a mis-

At funerals, also, he was to the fore, point ing out to the grief-stricken relatives how much better it was for all concerned that the corpse was dead, and expressing a pious hope that they would soon join it.

The chiefest delight of his life, however,

was to be mixed up in other people's domestic quarrels. No domestic quarrel for miles around was complete without him. He generally came in as mediator and finished as leading witness for the appellant.

As a journalist or politician his wonderful grasp of other people's business would probably have won for him esteem and love. The error he made was working it out in practice, Jerome K. Jerome in Detroit Free Press.

Are Scotsmen Void of Humor?

What are the facts? The most cursory or superficial study of British literature will show that a very fair proportion of the humorous works of the past has been the product of Scot tish brains, and the writer has yet to learn that Ramsay, Ferguson, Burns, Scott, Hogg and Wilson were deficient in native wit. Besides, it is a patent fact that some of the brightest and wittiest literary productions of the present day are turned out by the "Lon-don Scottish Brigade," for no one will surely venture to say that Robert Louis Stevens Andrew Lang, J. M. Barrie and Robert Bu chanan-to mention no others-are mere sentimental dullards, incapable of humor and unable to appreciate or perpetrate a joke.

The novels, too, of William Black, Charles Gibbon and George Macdonald contain funds of quiet humor; and John Galt—a Scottish novelist now undeservedly forgotten—has portrayed the pawky nature of the jovial Scot in a series of inimitable pictures. Indeed, the writer is inclined to believe that the Scottish nation is light-hearted and far from being composed, as is often represented, of sour-visaged Covenanters who think a joke a device of the

The comic journals of the Metropolis are often indebted to the people of the North for some of their most pointed witticisms, a fact that should go far to discount the worth of the ancient anecdote about the surgical operation.

Dean Ramsay's book of Scottish anecdotes is one of the most amusing and instructive of volumes. The Dean, perhaps, claims more for Scotland than is warrantable; but doubtless, if the history of original jokes were written, it would be found that a considerable number

had their birth in the "Land o' Cakes."

It must be confessed that, at first sight, the configuration of Scotland does not lend itself to the theory that the Scotch are a humorous people. Climate and temperature have a great deal to do with the formation of a nation's character, but the Scotch seem to belie the theory that a rugged country necessarily breeds a ster and dull people, for amid the rains and mists of their native mountains and valleys they nurture both prose and poetry in their own quiet vernacular. Scotch humor can never become universally popular, however, because the peculiar dialect precludes its acceptance or appreciation among the many people who cannot overcome the difficulties of the tongue in which Burns sang.

Not Quite Wide-Awake Enough.

young gentleman who was very fond of displaying his watch and guard, and who had, moreover, a passion for attending theaters and other places of amusement, was once thus admonished by his father:

John, my son, let me give you a bit of advice. As you are so fond of attending the theaters, let me request you not to display your watch and guard so conspicuously, or you will assuredly have ere long to mourn the loss

Now John, who thought himself too sharp for that, replied : "No fear, father; I am much too wide-awake for that."

his hand into his pocket. He suddenly, however, ceased laughing, and, looking as sheepish as John had done before, stammered: "John wh—wh—why, John, yours and mi—mine are both gone! Someone has evidently been more wide-awake than both of us."

Meeting Trouble Half-Way.

Mademoiselle Lilli, a young lady of six summers, questions her mother: "Say, mamma, when I'm grown up, shall I have a husband like Aunty Naomi ?"
"Why, certainly, my dear."

"Ah! and if I remain single, shall I be like Aunt Pulcheria ?"

'Of course, darling." After thinking it over a while, Mile. Lilli heaves a sigh: "How sad is the lot in life of us poor women."—La Lanterne.

The Right Man for the Post.

A poor fellow applied to the manager of a financial company for an appointment on the staff

What can you do?" enquired; the manager. No reply.
"Come, why don't you answer?"

"I am deaf, sir," the applicant muttered in a

timid sort of way.
"Deaf! Why, you are just the man I want: I have a vacancy that will exactly suit you. You may start to-morrow, in the enquiry office.—Le Petit Parisien.

Helpless and Hopeless,

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Mrs John W. Cope, of Port Stan'ey, Suffers From Malarial Fever Followed by Ulcers— Ber Friends Dispaired of Her Recovery—A Cure Found After Doctors Declared there Was no hope.

from the St. Thomas Journal.

One of the happiest couples in the county of Eigin are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cope, who live in the house at the foligate, on the London and Port Stanley road. The cause of their joint happiness is that Mrs. Cope, who for three years past has been a great sufferer, and whose recovery was not believed to be possible, has been completely cured by Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People, after a number of physicians and many remedies had failed. The meny reports of the marvelous cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams Pink Pills in different places are so well authenticated as to leave no doubt as to the absolute truth of all that has been claimed for them. If, however, further proof is wanted it is afforded by the wonderful, almost miraculous cure of Mrs. Margaret Cope. Hearing of this remarkable case a Journal representative was detailed to investigate it. The lady who is sixty-four years of sace, was found engaged in her home work, evidently as well as she had ever been and as active as many women not half her age.

"Yes, I was completely cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," said Mrs. Cope in reply to the reporter's query, "and I will be pleased to give you all the facts in regard to my case, in the hope that it may be the means of inducing some ether sufferer to try these wonderful Pink Pills and find relief. In August or September, 1890, when we were living in Tilsonburg, I was taken ill with malarial fever. After I recovered from the fever my limbs began to swell. They continued to swell for nearly a year. Two years ago red, sore spots, the size of a big penny, broke out on each ankle. A Tilsonburg physician was called in and attended me for more than three months, but I grew worse and worse. These spots stung and burned and caused me the most intense pain. He finally told me that nothing could be done for me as my age was against me, and that I could not get better. A physician, formerly practising at Port Stanley, was then called in and treated me for about four inches. The efficient practice, and said the down to Tilsonburg on a visit recently and my children and old friends and neighbors could hardly credit that I was cured, but it is a joyfu

children and that I was cured, but it is a joyru fact nevertheless."

Mr. Cope was present during the interview with his wife and said: "I know that every word my wife has said is true, and both of us are prepared to make silidavita to its truth at any time. She suffered so much with the sores that I thought she would go crasy, and had little hope that she would ever be cured. You may be certain that we are profoundly grateful for this wonderful remedy, and that we never lose an opportunity to say a good word for it. It has brought my wife health and strength after everything else had falled, and we have reason to be deeply thankful."

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A few evenings after this the father wished to accompany his son to the theater, greatly to John's delight. Having got safely inside and taken their seats, the father said:

"Are your watch and chain ail right, John!"

"Of course," replied John, laughing. At the same time he felt in his pocket; but immediately his expression changed, and looking sheepishly at his father, he stammered out:

"It's gone!"

"I thought you were much too wide-awake for that; but I shall surprise you when I tell you that I took it, to prove to you how easy it is for a man to rob you of it in a crowd."

"You, father!"

"Yes, John; I bought these scissors, commonly used for such a purpose, and (still laughing) than served the watch from your pocket to mine; and see, here it is." With this he put Medicine Company, from either address.



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"I am very sorry, Fred. I had got to like "I am very sorry, Fred. I had got to like the girl very much, and she has been very daithful to her duties and a good saleswoman, and all that, but I cannot permit this pilfering to gn on; it will lead to something worse before long. I think the best way to save her feelings will be just to tell her at the end of the week that we don't require her services any longer, and tenhammer or outsity rid of her without and in that way get quietly rid of her without any direct accusation. You know we took her solely on her own recommendation, without asking for any references—in fact, I'll do her the justice to admit that she frankly told us she could not furnish any, being a stranger in the place. But this stealing has been going on for a month now, and as far as we know or can for a month now, and as far as we know or can find out she is the first one here in the morn-ing, and is here alone long enough to give her an opportunity to help herself. Another thing I have noticed, and that is that she has had several little trinkets lately, which seem to me decidedly more extravagant than a girl with her means could afford to indulge in, unless she has come by them through such means as I begin to fear she is guilty of." Fred bit his lip and was silent,

It would not have helped the case at all for him to have told his father just then that he knew the source whence she had derived those little gifts, which he had contrived to convey to her in such a way that she would not be able to detect the giver and so return them, and which it had afforded him such delight to see her wear, little dreaming at the time that they would only serve as an addi-tional means of strengthening suspicion

He had been only waiting a favorable opportunity to speak to her of his feelings and assure himself of her sentiments, before telling his father of the hopes he had been cherishing; but before that opportunity arrived this unexpected trouble and threatened dis-grace had cast a shadow over the fair name of the girl he secretly loved.

"I'll stake my life, father, that she hasn't a trinket about her but what is honestly come by," he exclaimed, after a moment's embar-rassed silence, "and that she is a thoroughly honest and trustworthy girl. Don't discharge her this week, father. Give her—give me one week more and let me see if I cannot discover week more and see me see it I cannot discover the thief. I promise that if I find it is indeed she, I will not try to shield her. But let me have that much time to try and discover the real culprit."

"I don't see how you are going to do it," re plied Mr. Adams, looking around the apart-ment. "There is no way that I can see but of getting here ahead of the thief, whoever it is, and, of course, the money will not be taken with you looking on, and there is no way for you to conceal yourself in the room here. You know I have been accustomed to leave money in that drawer, for the convenience of giving change if it should be needed before I get down in the morning, and nobody knows but you that I am in the habit of counting it every night before leaving, and that for the last month it has not balanced with the cashier's account, but constantly shows a deficiency. It must be taken in the morning, before we get here, and Miss Allen is, as she has said herself, the first one here; indeed, she has a key of her own, so that she can get in as early as she pleases.

Fred's eyes had been roving around the room Fred's eyes had been roving around the room while his father was speaking. There was, as he said, no possible chance for his concealing himself anywhere in the room without making the fact of that concealment evident, and thus defeating his purpose; but as he glauced over at the deak, which stood at the opposite side of the room, near the window, and in one drawer of which was kept the money for such miscellaneous expenses as nostage, telegrams, and other inclpenses as postage, telegrams, and other inci-dental small expenditure, and from which sums that could not be accounted for had been sums that could not be accounted for had been missing for a month past, his face lightened. The window faced another window of a large building, the side of which was separated only by a narrow court, and which was for the time

vacant, and a suggestion occurred to him, which he seized upon at once.

"I'll admit it does look black against her, father," he said, " but I believe I can find a way in a week's time either to vindicate her or prove that your suspicions are just, though I believe that it will vindicate her. Just let me have one more week, and if I don't discover the culprit by that time I will make no further

"All right, my boy," said Mr. Adams, smiling, and perhaps not altogether without an intuition as to the cause of his son's earnestness, "I can stand the loss of a few pounds more, I guess. Find the culprit, and you may name

'I don't desire any reward," replied Fred. But his troubled face told another story, and

Not only Margery Allen, but the three other girls in the employ of Mr. Adam's photographic establishment, missed the frank, bright smile and pleasant word with which his son had been wont to greet them, and into Margery's pretty eyes crept a look of hurt surprise. mingled with a deeper feeling, that went to Fred's very heart. But he maintained his demeanor unshakenly, meanwhile, however, studying each face and act of the girls with a scrutiny he had never bestowed upon them be-fore, and by night he had pretty well settled in his own mind as to the culprit, but to make that suspicion a certainty was the task that

If any of the girls, in passing near the window where the desk stood, had chanced to glance at the building opposite, they might have noticed that it had been provided with a shade, with the exception of one pane of glass, where the shade had been cut away. But they either did not notice it or did not think it of sufficient consequence to mention it if they did, and the day's work went on as usual, except that Margery remarked to herself, with a little faster beating of the heart, that it was the first day since her finding the employment that had been to her such a boon that Fred's eyes had failed to meet hers with an encouraging or friendly smile, in which, of late, she had

DR. E. A. ROSE, Of Portland, Ont., a prominent physician there, discovered in July, 1892, that he had diabetes. The recognized and regular professional treatment usual in this disease did him no good. In April, 1893, he was unable to leave his bed. Uraemia, or blood-poisoning, set in. Six doctors pronounced his case hopeless. Death was fast approaching, they said. Dr. Rose then began using Dodd's Kidney Pills, and in three weeks he was cured. This fac simile of his letter, speaks for itself:

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entered the establishment. Both gentlemen looked serious, but on Fred's face was also clearly manifest a look of triumphant satisfac-

"Young ladies," said Mr. Adams, addressing his employees, "I have rather an unpleasant subject to introduce this morning, but it is not of my choosing, and I would prefer to give you an opportunity to acknowledge your act, than to charge you with it. Which of you is first here in the morning?"
"I believe I am, sir," answered Margery, to

which the others assented.

"Well, I am sorry to report that for some time past I have been missing small sums of money from the drawer where I keep the change for incidental expenses, and to which you have all access, as occasion requires," con-tinued Mr. Adams. "Now, I will put it to you formally, Miss Allen, do you know anything in regard to the missing money?"

"I do not, sir," she replied, lifting her eyes to his face, with a look of perfect innocence and truthfulness, while Fred, in his delight and joy, could scarce restrain himself from hugging her on the spot.

"Miss Wilson, do you?-or you, Miss Doug-las?-or you, Miss Ferris?"

A most emphatic denial was the unanimous

"Well," said Mr. Adams, "it seems that we must resort to some other means to ascertain the culprit. What have you to say, Fred?"

"Merely to ask the young iadles if any of them recognize anyone they know in this," herself. onded Fred, drawing out a small plate and laying it before them. There was an ex-cellent photograph of the interior of the room, and bending over the open drawer of the desk in the act of taking some silver from it, was the unmistakable profile, face and figure of Lottie Wilson.

With a startled cry she drew back, covering her burning face with her hands.

"If you will tell me the whole story I will let you off with no greater punishment than being discharged from my service," said Mr. Adams sternly. "Otherwise, I shall call an officer and hand you over to him forthwith."

Overcome with terror at this threat, Lottle sobbingly confessed that she had been the thief, having coaxed the housekeeper to let her in on the plea that she wanted to get to work early, and then slipping out again, and not returning until after Margery had arrived, so that if the theft was discovered suspicion would fall on her. Mr. Adams heard her to the end, then, quietly requesting her to get her hat and cloak, attended her to the door and bowed her out; then returning to Margery, who was standing a little apart from the rest, he said, in a tone of more than wented kind-

"There is a little story connected with this discovery, which there is not a fitting opportunity to tell here; but if you will allow my son

Margery bowed, too happy to speak after one eloquent look from Fred's eyes, and went back to her duties with a heart bounding high. At the appoin ed hour Fred accompanied her to his home, where, after being introduced to his mother, who took the orphan girl to her story.

"The moment I looked at that window of the building opposite," Fred said, in conclusion, "it occurred to me that I might make use of it as a point, not only of observation, but from which I could obtain a view of the place and of the culprit. By investigating and experimenting I found that I could photograph the room accurately. And I had a shade put up, leaving only one pane of glass exposed, in front of which I could place my machine and do the work without being seen in return. I was there this morning by daylight, arranged my apparatus, and, about half an hour before your time of coming, the door opened, and Lottie Wilson came in. I waited until she was in the very act of taking the money, as you see, and then secured my snap shot, that vindicated you, my darling, and has made me the happlest man alive—all by the aid of that blessed pane of glass."

He had not intended to make his avowal of love in such a fashion, but his joy and affection burst from him simultaneously, and the next moment he had her in rapturous embrace, from which she made no effort to disengage

Good bye, my dear daughter," Mrs. Adam whispered, as she bade her good bye before resigning her to Fred's care to escort her home. "You shall be my daughter in a very few

weeks if I have anything to say about it."

And that she not only had considerable to say about it, but said it, was evidenced by the modest but delightful little wedding that took place not long after, at which Fred and Margery vere the principal parties interested, and, if their faces were any indication, the very happiest people that could be found anywhere.

An Unrehearsed Performance.

An amusing scene was recently enacted at Lille. At the conclusion of one of his performances Sarbacan, the conjurer, addressed the audience as follows: "Coming to the sensation part of the programme, I now propose to decapitate one of the spectators. Any gentleman who would like to undergo the operation is invited to step on the platform."

At these words there arose a young man from Armentieres, who, in a fit of jealousy, had quarreled with his intended, and ran up the steps leading to the platform, firmly resolved in his despair to have his head cut off. Everything was now ready for the decapitation, and the audience sat waiting in breathless sushad failed to meet hers with an encouraging or friendly smile, in which, of late, also had imagined she could detect a warmer sentiment. The next morning the girls were at their work as usual when Mr. Adams and his son with my wife, and you can hear the sequel of with my wife, and you can hear the sequel of with my wife, and you can hear the sequel of shall not die!" whereupon she clasped her shall not di

lover in her arms and dragged him with main force out of the booth. As may be readily conceived, this pathetic scene had quite an exhilarating effect upon the spectators.-Lyon

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HE usual Thanksgiving concert at the Elm street Methodist church has become one of our most inter esting annual local events of this character. The programme presented on Thursday evening of last week was fully up to the standard of former occasions, including, beides selections by the efficient choir of the sides selections by the emcient color of the church, solos and concerted numbers by such well known and popular artists as Mrs. Mackelcan, contralto; Mr. Harold Jarvis, tenor; and Mr. Geo. Fox, violinist. Numerous encores testified to the pleasure of the large audience present, every solo number being re-demanded.

Mrs. Mackelcan's solos were sung with considerable expression and excellent taste, despite a slight unevenness in her voice during the earlier part of the evening. The tenor solos of Mr. Jarvis were admirably sung and enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Jarvis' voice appears to be gaining in purity of quality as well as sweet-ness of tone. I was especially pleased with the artistic manner of his phrasing and the gener ally musicianly interpretation of his various number. Mr. George Fox's violin solos, as usual, created no small furore. Besides possessing an admirable tone and excellent technical skill, Mr. Fox's performances reveal true musical instinct such as but few of our native artists display. The choir of the church sang several anthems in a very satisfactory manner; par-ticularly worthy of mention was Sullivan's beautiful part song The Way is Long and Deary, which was given with praiseworthy attention to details of phrasing and expression. This number was deservedly encored and the manner of its rendition reflected the greatest credit upon the choirmaster, Mr. Blight, who also created a most favorable im-pression in his solo The Coming of the King, by Roeckel. Mrs. Blight acted as accompanist during the evening, in her usual artistic style, her work in this capacity being a model of refinement and good taste. An encore also greeted her organ solo, which was played with considerable dash and vim, notwithstanding the fact that the popular organist was but re covering from a rather severe illness.

Bloor street Methodist church on the same evening, where probably the largest audience attending any of the Thanksgiving entertain-ments had gathered. An attractive musical programme had been prepared by the choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. T. C. Jeffers, organist. Mrs. Fenwick (Maggie Barr), soprano, of Hamilton, and Miss Jessie Alexander, elocutionist, were engaged to assist, the cordial reception given these artists testifying to their popularity, repeated encores being demanded of them at every appearance. Mrs. Fenwick was particularly successful in her Scottish ballads, a feature of her work which has gained for her a provincial reputation. Particularly gratifying was the singing of the choir. Notwithstanding inroads by the prevailing malady, influenza, which appeared to have specially affected the sopranos, the quality of tone was good and the general alance of parts very satisfactory. Mr. Jeffers has taken considerable pains in the preparation of unaccompanied work by his choir, the example given on Thursday night of last week being Rheinberger's beautiful Evensong, a composition well calculated to test the ability of any chorus. Although suffering from a severe cold, Miss Ida Hatch, the leading soprano of the choir, sang her various numbers con-scientiously and effectively. Mr. R. G. Kirby, baritone soloist of the choir, was warmly ap plauded for his solo, Handel's Arm, Arm, Ye Valuable service was also rendered by Mr. T. Bilton, who sang with considerable expression the tenor solo in Shelly's A Light Streams Downward. Mention should also be made of Mr. Jeffers' excellent accompaniments and of his performance as an organ solo of Rossini's exacting overture William Tell.

Another successful concert was given at the

An enjoyable concert was given in the school-house of the Church of the Radeemer on Mon day evening last by the choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. Walter H. Robinson, choirmaster. Despite very disagreeable weather a large audience turned out, filling the com-modious schoolroom in every part. Mr. Robinson had arranged a varied and attractive programme of choruses, part songs, solos and concerted numbers by the choir, with a pianoforte selection by Mrs. Fred. W. Lee and a clarinet solo by Mr. W. F. Robinson, soloist of the Thirteenth Batt, Band, Hamilton, Particularly pleasing was the work of the choir, which under Mr. Robinson's direction is rapidly coming to the front among similar organization throughout the city. In the choruses and part songs steadiness and promptness in attack, combined with a vigorous and sturdy tone, proved very effective, especially in such dramatic compositions as Fanning's The Song of the Vikings and The Miller's Wooing. A gratifying feature, by the way, of choir work in Toronto is the increasing interest being shown in unaccompanied work. An organ can be made to cover a multitude of sins, and many a clever organist does this to good advantage every Sabbath in this city, but the real merit of s choir, as regards the balance of its different parts, the purity of its tone and the general quality of its work cannot be satisfactorily sted excepting in unaccompanied singing. The several Thanksgiving church concerts which I was enabled to attend, as well as the concert under notice, demonstrated the fact that in accompanied work a chorus sings with greater confidence, greater confidence, accuracy and effect, through having bestowed more than passing attention to alla capella singing. Besides the choir numbers, special mention should be made of Mrs. Lee's musicianly per formance of Liezt's Hungarian Ruapsodie 12, which was deservedly encored. Mrs. Lee responded by playing Chaminade's Scarpen tans. Vocal solos were contributed by Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Wigmore, Mesers. Robinson, Greene, Musson and Parker, all of whom were heartily applauded. Mr. Musson, whom I had not heard before, is the possessor of an excellent bass voice of good quality and con-siderable power, which with further cultivation and experience should prove a valuable a feature of his choral music which adds much addition to the solo forces of this city. Mr. to the difficulty of effective performance. Sig William Robinson, brother of the director nor Guiseppe Dinelli will efficiate as plants

sion in his clarinet solo, producing a good one and displaying very fair technical skill. His selection was enthusiastically encored, in esponse to which he played a well known

The good example set by Mr. W. E. Fair clough in the inauguration of his Saturday afternoon organ recitals has already begun to bear fruit. Several of our more talented younger organists have recently given very interesting recitals, a gratifying feature of which is found in the character of the programmes presented, which give a general indi-cation of a marked improvement in public taste concerning organ music. One of the most meritorious recitals so far given this season, both as regards the comprehensive character of the programme and the manner of its interpretation, was that held in St. Luke's church on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. W. H. Hewlett, A. T. C. M., played the following

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	3 Introduction to 3 d Ant (Libengrin) R Wagne 4 Offertory in D Flat Th. Salom
	5 (a Melody in D b Tempo di Minuette) Alex Guilman
	6. Ave Maria
	Mr. Hewlett was assisted by Master Caryl Hunter of Michigan, a talented boy soprano who sang in excellent voice and with consider able musical feeling Sullivan's beautiful aria
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An evening of Chamber Music attracted a large audience to the College of Music on Wednesday evening of last week. The programme was well chosen and contained several standard works of leading classical composers, including Beethoven's Trio for piano, violin and 'cello Opus 1, No. 3, and Mendelssohn's Trio Op. 66, the piano part in the former b ing taken by Miss Mansfield, and in the latter by Miss Sullivan. Messrs. Klingenfeld and Ruth played the violin and cello parts respectively, the ensemble in both numbers being very creditable to all concerned. Besides the selections mentioned, piano solos were rendered by Mr Welsman, and vocal num-bers were con ributed by Miss McKav and Mr. Chattoe resp ctively. All of the performers were warmly applauded and the entertain ment, as a whole, gave much pleasure to the audience present.

Mr. A. E. Huestis has been engaged as sold enor for another season at the Northern Congregational church. The quartette choir which formerly led the singing in this church having been disbanded, a chorus choir has been organized in its stead. Mr. Huestis' re-engagement is an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the congregation and of the excellent service rendered by him during his former engagement.

The annual entertainment of St. George's Society, which this year took the form of a Costume Concert by vocal pupils of Mr. E. W. Schuch, was held in the Pavilion Music Hall on Tuesday evening last. A large and fashionable audience was present, including Lieuten-ant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, under whose distinguished patronage the concert was given. The programme was made up of part songs, choruses, solos, readings and dances A chorus of about fifty voices, exclusively pupils of Mr. Schuch, sangithe choral numbers, display ing, particularly in the soprano section, good quality and volume of tone. Several of the unaccompanied selections, however, suffered from lack of sufficient rehearsal, this being particularly noticeable in Lohr's Slumber Song and Barnby's Hunting Chorus. Solos were sung by Misses Klingner, Carter, Kleiser, Sturrock, Beach, Jardine Thomson, Burrows, and Messrs Sturrock and Ecclestone, all of whom were generously applauded, several receiving encores A most favorable impression was created by Mr. Alfred Sturrock in his song, The Admiral's Broom, which was one of the most enjoyable numbers on the programme. Mr. Sturrock's voice gives much promise for the future, being rich in quality, true in intonation, and already under excellent control. The varied costumes of the singers made an attractive picture as they were grouped upon the platform, and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Miss Dottie Lamout's clever dancing of the Sailor's Hornpipe and Miss Jennie Houston's readings lent pleasing variety to the pro-gramme, which was volunteered by the ladies and gentlemen taking part, in aid of St. George's So liety. The accompaniments through out were efficiently and conscientiously played by Mrs. W. C. Haskett.

Spohr's grand oratorio The Last Judgment choir of the Jarvis street Baptist church on Tuesday evening, December 19. The choir of the church will form the nucleus of a chorus of nearly one hundred carefully selected voices which have had the work in preparation for some time past. Owing to the large number of concerts which are to be held before Christmas and the just claims of the various enter-prises for public support, the idea of engaging a large orchestra to assist in the production of the oratorio, as was done last season when Gaul's Holy City was presented, has been abandoned. It has therefore been decided to employ King Hall's special arrangement of the accompaniments for piano and organ, and to produce the work in the church, at which no admission fee will be charged. A collection will, however, be taken up to defray the expenses in connection with the occasion, any surplus being devoted to some local charity. The Last Judgment is justly considered Spohr's choral masterpiece and is one of the most remarkable productions in oratorio of this century. The wonderfully dramatic chorus, Destroyed is Babylon, is a marvel of descriptive music. In contrast to this is the beautiful quartette, Blessed Are the Dead, which is perhaps the best known and most popular num-ber in the work. The grand final chorus, Great and Wonderful, is a typical example of Spohr's predilection for chromatic part writing

of the concert, created a favorable impres. and Mr. W. H. Hewlett as organist in the presentation of the oratorio

> The Toronto Ladies' Quartette, accompanied by Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, solo planist, have been engaged for a concert in Montreal on the 7th inst., to be held in Windsor Hall.

One of the most successful of the young ladies of this city who are devoting themselves professionally to music is Miss Maud Gordon, whose card appears in this issue. Miss Gordon's record as a pupil at Whitby Ladies' College, where she was awarded the gold medal for music upon graduating, and her subsequent work as a pupil and teacher at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, reflect credit-ably upon herself and also upon Mr. Edward Fisher, under whom she has pursued her

Miss Agnes Forbes, the popular soprano of Bloor street Presbyterian church, left for New York on Monday last to continue her vocal studies under Mr. W. E. Haslam, formerly of Toronto. Miss Forbes, up to the time of her departure, was a pupil of Miss Norma Rey-nolds at the College of Music. Her marked success both as a church soloist and a concert singer certainly reflects greatest credit upon her instructress, whose uniform good work I have frequently commented on in this column.
The Musical Committee of the Bloor street church have granted Miss Forbes three months leave of absence, during which time Miss Annie Hallworth, also a pupil of Miss Reynolds

Mr. W. E. Fairclough's third organ recital for this season will be held this afternoon at All Saints' Church, Sherbourne street, at four o'clock. Mr. Fairclough's programme will include compositions by Bach, Parker, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Durand, Hesse, and a March de Fete by Mr. Wm. Reed, the talented Montreal organist, which, by the way, has been dedicated to Mr. Fairclough. Mr. H. W. Webster, the well known baritone, has kindly consented to assist, and will sing an aria from Molique's oratorio Abraham.

Miss Adeline Hibbard, soprano, who assists at Mr. H. M. Field's plano recital on December 11, is highly spoken of by leading American critics. The New York World in referring to a recent concert at which Miss Hibbard sang says: "Miss Adelina Hibbard surprised and delighted her audience by the artistic purity of her tones, the brilliancy of her execution and the bird-like facility and beauty of her trills."

An excellent programme has been arranged for the concert to be given in the Pavilion under the auspices of the Orpheus Society on the evening of December 8. The concert will be under the patronage of the Lieut, Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and Sie Casimir and Lady Gzowski. The talent secured for this occasion includes such well known and popular artists as Mrs. Agnes Thomson, soprano Mr. Whitney Mockridge, tenor; Sigaor P. De Lasco, basso; Mr. H. M. Field, pianist; and the newly organized Toronto String Quartette which is composed of Messrs, Bayley, Anderson, Napolitano and Dinelli. Much credit is due the committee having the concert in charge for the excellent discrimination shown in the choice of artists, the list including the names of some of the most eminent soloists this country has yet produced. MODERATO.

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and I am led to believe they are preparing to do their share in overthrowing it rather than do their share in overturowing it rather than lose that which they believe is absolutely necessary to their existence. Viewed from the standpoint which the Eastern people, if reasonable, are likely to take, I must declare my belief in such reasonable Protection as will not destroy our manufactures and imperil those commercial interests which have been bullt up. If the Western country get as much tariff reform as they want, it will mean the injury of many Eastern interests and may pos-sibly produce a similar crisis in Canada to that recently undergone by the United States. I believe this statement to be absolutely true in fact, yet we cannot expect Manitoba and the North-West to take this view of it; in fact, I think we have been given a pretty convincing proof of how they propose to act.

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The result of Mr. Martin's election means a great strengthening of Mr. Laurier's hands. The Liberal party lacked a conspicuous exponent of Protestantism, or some man who would pass as such. I believe Mr. Martin is thoroughly sound in his views with regard to Separate schools, yet he cannot be accused of being a professional Protestant insomuch as he bas not been in the habit of importing religious matters into politics. When distruct is hereafter expressed with regard to whether Mr. Laurier will be sound on the question ordinariy connected in the public mind between the State and the Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Laurier will be able to point to his supporter, Mr. Martin, as the author of the School Bill which caused so much trouble. No doubt he will be boomed as the coming Minister of the Interior ; he is the only Grit member who knows much about the confidence of the people in that section of the country. Thus, with "Fighting Joe Martin" as the proposed minister who would in case of a Liberal victory be in charge of the interests most affecting the North-West, the Liberal party have reason to hope for the winning of many if not almost all the constituencies in that part of the Dominion. His presence, or prospective presence, in the Cabinet, if the Liberals can form one, will tend to neutralize the effect of the McCarthyte movement as affecting the Grit party, thus leaving Mr. McCarthy and his followers to weaken the Conservative party. Mr. McCarthy can hardly expect the people to believe more in him as a champion of Separate schools in Manitoba than in the man who was the author of the bill and fought it through. Thus, besides gaining a man strong in debate and full of fight, the Liberals have secured a local leader from the North-West, and have got rid of the weakness in their ranks caused by Mr. McCarthy's movement—McCarthy, as far as they are concerned, having shrunk to the size of a lieutenant under Mr. Martin. That Mr. Martin's presence is likely to embarrass the Liberals, as far as French Canada is concerned, they need not fear-with a French-Canadian leader-and it has been customary in all governments to select an extreme Protestant and it has always gone down with even the most fanatical electors as necessary.

If Martin is likely to be in the Dominion

Master and a Past Grand Master of the Orange-men in the Conservative Government.

In the meantime Mr. McCarthy continues to organize his movement, which, though not strong intrinsically, may probably lose the Conservatives ten or a dozen seats in Ontario. New Brunswick is thoroughly out of harmony with the Government, and there is little or no doubt that the Tupper family will not be sorry to see Sir John Thompson discomified. It seems most likely to me that Sir Charles Tupper, Sr., will be brought over to lead the Conservatives or that Sir Charles, Jr., will be given the place, and that Sir John Thompson will retire to Chief Justice-ship of the Supreme Court. In the meantime those of us who believe that reasonable pro tection is necessary to the continued prosperity of Canada, find very little to console ourselves with. If the Government loses many seats in the North-West and the McCarthy agitation gives the Liberals a majority in Ontario, it looks very much as if we were to get more tariff reform than the commercial part of the community will relish. However, many changes may take place inside the next two years, and hitherto the Liberals have almost always been safely relied upon to kick their pail over as soon as they get it milked nearly full, though lately wiser counsels and much shrewder man-agement have been discernible in the party, while weakness and procrastination have DON,

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When a member of the Church Congress at Manchester argued that the introduction of the custom of cremation would endanger belief in the resurrection of the dead, the reply of Lord Shaftesbury silenced any further doubt when he asked: "What, then, has become of the holy martyrs who were cremated?"

During the French Revolution of 1830, when the fighting was going forward, Talleyrand was pacing the lobbles of the Chamber of Peers in irrepressible agitation. At each discharge of the cannon, he would exclaim: "Aha! The day is ours!" A friend volunteered to Whose, monseigneur? On which side when he answered: "I will tell you after a while."

A rider, somewhat new to the saddle, had a terrific struggle with his horse on the Place de l'Etoile. The gentleman wanted to inhale the fresh morning breeze in the Bois de Boulogne while the fiery steed felt a sudden longing to return to his stable in the Champs-Elysees, and managed to get its head turned in the desired direction, obstinately refusing to change in position. At that moment a wag stepped up to the rider and, taking off his har, politely re-marked: "If you have no objection, sir, the turn-table of the tramcar company is close at hand."-Le Bocage.

A miser man was once heard to say that he would do anything to secure another thousand pounds. A wager was laid privately that he should he asked to allow himself to be killed for a thousand pounds. It was mentioned to him. He took twenty-four hours to consider; and the time having expired, the parties called and the time having expired, the parties called on him again, when his answer was: "Well, I have considered your offer, and have come to the conclusion that your thousand pounds would not be of any service to me after my decease: but I tell you what I am prepared to do. I will consent to allow you to half kill me for five hundred pounds.

A person who was supposed to be the French General Monton. Count de Lobau, was once captured by an English vessel; but after a time the captain discovered that his prisoner was the Count de Montrond. "Why did you de ceive me?" he demanded angrily of the count. "I did not deceive you," replied Montrond; "not at all. You thought I was General Mouton. You told me so. You have a fifty-gun frigate Was it for me, who have only a pocket-pistol to contradict you?" The captain did not for-give Montrond, and took every opportunity to treat him rudely. One evening at dinner, someone proposed the health of the French. As Montrond rose to acknowledge it, the captain cried: "They are all cowards! I make no exceptions." When Montrond's turn came he gave this sentiment: "The English. They are all gentle nen, but I make exceptions."

"Some men preach," said Sydney Smith, "as if they thought sin is to be taken out of a man as Eve was taken out of Alam, by casting him into a profound slumber." So at any rate thought not South, who, preaching one day at Whitehall, observed King Charles the Second and several of his attendants asleep. Stooping down, he cried out to one of the delinquents ' My Lord, I am sorry to interrupt you, but if

you snore so loud you will wake the king." His majesty thereupon awoke, and turning to his neighbor, remarked with his accustomed good nature: "This man must be made a bishop; remind me on the next vacancy." Latimer speaks of a woman who suffered from insomnia, and who, all soporifics having failed, was taken to the Church of St. Thomas of Acres, when she fell at once into a refreshing slumber. - Argmaut.

During the war, an Ohio minister, on his way south as an emissary of the Christian commission, boarded an Ohio river boat at Portsmouth. At the first landing below, the mate "turned loose" at the deck hands. He cursed their eyes, their hearts, their lubberly feet, their laziness, their whole line of ancestry from Adam to that hour. Finally, exhausted with profanity, he turned to the shocked min-ister with the query: "Don't this beat hell?" "Yes, sir I'm afraid it does." On another occasion an Obio stock dealer had been buying stock in Kentucky and was trying to cross a Catlettsburg. Of course the cattle insisted on running in every direction but toward the The stock-dealer, who was from a country distant from the river, began to swear at the cattle. The oaths were fired singly and in volleys, straight and bias cut, rough and wire edged, double and treble. While at the highest pitch, an old Kentuckian stepped up and said admiringly: "Well done, ______, sah! What boat ah ye runnin' on?"-N. Y.

One of the big fortunes affected by the prest financial troubles at St. Paul is that left by Lyman Dayton. He was a pioneer, and built a house in Minnesota's capital when the place was a village on the hills, and what is now the business district was a swamp. One day Dayton and two friends sat on a bluff talking and gazing at the "mud hole." It was suggested that if the town grew, the lowland might become valuable. Soon after the three separated, and early next morning one of them saddled his horse and started for the land office at Stillwater, eighteen miles away, intending to pre-emp: the swamp. He had gone but a short distance when he saw a companion of the day before ahead of him, also on horseback, and with the same purpose in view. The two raced to Stillwater, and finished even in front of the land office. At the door stood Lyman Dayton, smoking his pipe. "You're too late, boys," he said; "I came over last night." In the course of years the " mud hole' made him a multi-millionaire.—San Francisco Argonaut.

One of the most ghastly executions of the French Revolution was that of the Marquis de Marville. While standing on the scaffold awaiting the completion of the preliminary arrangements, the marquis addressed a few words to the assemblage of people. He was proceeding to say that before he died he wished to open their eyes to the truth, when he was

marquis continued: "Educated as I was among the privileged class, I voluntarily abandoned my friends to live among you, to earn my daily bread side by side with you, and I have always acted like a good patriot." At this moment the knife fell. The guillotine was, however, in such constant requisition that it was frequently out of order. Upon this occa-sion the knife fell but did not sever the verte-bre, although the flesh was horribly mangled. The executioner and his assistants raised the knife anew. As soon as they had done so the maronia, still lying face downward, continued : 'As I was saying, fellow citizens, when I was nterrupted——" And again the knife fell, interrupted-this time accomplishing its ghastly work.

Guelph Art and Loan Exhibition.

BOUT two years ago under the leadership of the late lamented Mayor Thos. Goldie, an association called the Young Men's Hospital Trust was formed for the purpose of raising funds for the Guelph General Hospital. By a collection taken throughout the city at that time, about \$1,800 was raised and presented to the Board of Directors of the hospital. Last year the young men furnished a series of concerts and a considerable sum was made. This year an entirely new and unique idea germinated in the fertile brain of some of the members. This was cultivated and encouraged until it bloomed last week in all its glory, and the fruit of an idea and indefatigable effort culminated in the Art and Loan Exhibition.

In this the young men were nobly assisted by the ladies of the city and splendidly they performed their share of the labor with willing hands, fertility of resource and admirable enthusiasm; the good work went on without a hitch, and the result was the event of the year, a beautiful fete, a unique and delightful exhibition.

The Art and Loan Exhibition consisted of an

exhibit of anything the citizens possessed of curiosity or interest, antique and modern works of art, curios from every land and clime. old relics, coins, medals-a veritable World's Fair in miniature-along with a programme of

music every evening.

The exhibition was opened on Wednesday evening of last week by Mayor Smith with a short welcoming and congratulatory address. To criticize the excellency of all the exhibits would be an impossibility in a notice of this kind. It was conceded, however, that ex-Mayor Sleeman's collection of coins, considered by numismatists the finest and most valuable on the continent, carried off the palm. The smallest coin in the collection is 1-16th part of a farthing, the largest \$50 in gold, other rarities, such as the Persian Didrachm, coined about 200 B.C.; William IV. crown proof (very rare), only seven struck; a five cent piece on which is engraved The Lord's Prayer.

Some of the art collections were magnificent. Mr. Jas. Goldie had some splendid paintings. About the most attractive part of the exhibition, however, was the different booths. Here nothing antique was to be found, but the youth and beauty of the fair sex, in lovely costumes, were in full force. The five o'clock tea booth was immensely patronized. Mrs. J. C. Chadwick was the originator of the idea. and was in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pepler, Mrs. Jno. Bond, and her young lady waitresses, delightfully attired in Martha Washington costumes, were among the choicest of the beautiful girls of the royal City. These were the Misses Clark, Jones, Campbell, Marcon, Thomas, Bond, Alice Higinbotham, Lily Nelles, and Miss Baptiste of Three Rivers, Q.

The Flower Booth also was a lovely spot, con taining the choicest buds in profusion and only excelled by the pretty appearance of the young ladies in attendance, who were charmingly attired in cream and pink, with large pink flower hats. They were : Misses Petrie, Gowdy, Bruce, Crowe, Scarff, E. Adams, A. Walker, M. Reynolds. The Candy Booth had many charms for everyone. The toothsome delica-cies received a great deal of patronage. The young ladies were exceedingly handsome and were beautifully attired in Grecian co-tumes. Miss Stewart was in charge and was assisted by the Misses Higinbo ham, R. Stewart, A. Stewart, K. Reynolds, F. Nelles, G. Mills, F. Lyons. The Japanese exhibit was also a striking feature. It was in charge of Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Foster, and Misses Robertson and Walker. while Miss Maggie Mills, Miss Tessie Campbell and Miss Ethelred Thomas of Toronto, in Japanese costume, looked lovely. The World's Fair exhibit by Miss Garson, Miss Loghrin and Miss Hamilton was a source of great interest and pleasant recollections to many. Add to this an excellent musical programme for each of the three evenings, both orches ral and vocal, by the leading musicians of the city, and when the Royal city had turned out in full force "her beauty and her chivalry" there was a feast of pleasure worthy of the gods-not only a pleasure but a knowledge that the object was a humane one, to raise funds for the carrying on of the good work of caring for the sick and suffering. It is gratifying to know that the Fair was such a huge success and as a result the funds of the hospital will be augmented by a handsome

Much credit is due to President Powell, Ald. Hewer and W. H. Jones, secretaries, for their indefatigable work. The Fair was closed on Friday night with many pleasant memories and hopes for its being carried on another year.

New Books and Magazines

One of the very best magazines in the world for all classes of people is Lippincott's. In publishing a complete novel every month it is doing a more genuine service to the cause of novel-making than all other magazines put together. It is a producer, its rivals are spec ators and critics of the novelist's art. The December number contains Sergeant Crossus. by Capt. Charles King, U. S. A., that most prolific and versatile of American fiction writers. The January number is sure to be a superbone. It will be out December 20th, and will contain a story, The Colonel, by Harry Willard French. In addition to this Gilbert Parker, the famous Canadian litterateur now in Lonsaised by the executioner and forced under the kernel with the famous Cana-lian litterateur now in Lunknife. With the utmost sang-froid the don, will commence a serial which will run

several months, The Trespasser. This feature should cause Lippincott's to take a boom among Canadian readers, although it already has a large circulation in all provinces of the Dominion. You can subscribe at any dealer's or by writing direct to Lippincott's, Philadel-

In the field of historical journalism no more

faithful and conscientious work has ever been done than that which has characterized Current History since its inception three years, ago. Aiming to give a comprehensive and intelligent bird's eye view of the world's impor tant happenings, it does its work remarkably well, and deserves the support of every "live and intelligent citizen. It is not a collection of clippings, or quotations, but a careful, studied summing up of the essential facts and questions of the day, which in a moment puts the reader into intelligent touch with the progress of events in all parts of the world. It is clear in its statements, impartial in its estimates, and remarkably concise and comprehensive in its condensation. The number for the third quarter of 1893, now ready, more than sustains the commendation given to its predecessors. The monetary crisis 1893 in comparison with others, the history of the United States coinsge laws, the great silver struggle in Congress, the Behring Sea award, Siamese and Hawaiian questions, movements on the in-ternational checker-boards of Europe, Asia and Africa, Canada and the Newfoundland Fisheries, the South American disturbances, Irish Home Rule struggle, political and labor movements in France, Germany and Italy, the progress of science, the great parliament of religions, and a host of other topics are treated. Biographies of prominent men are given, with portraits. The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Mr. Gladstone and is accompanied with a well written judicial summing up of his career. Altogether the Review is one whose successive numbers should find a permanent place every home, reading-room and library in the land. (Buffalo, N.Y: Garretson, Cox & Co., publishers, \$1.30 a year.)

The magazine art of to-day belongs to the day, and was undreamt of by our fathers. Such a book as Scribner's for December would have astounded the public thirty years ago. and would have created a sensation no longer ago than ten years since. Even now it commands unusual attention, but in a few months it will no doubt be forgotten, so consistently good are the magazines produced each month. From an artistic standpoint, Scribner's for December is a gem; and although past progress' suggests that it will be surpassed hereafteriin some way we cannot foresee, yet it is ahead of anything so far seen and is worth preserving on that account. It shows "where we are at" in December, 1893. It is possible in this day for a man of no education and devoid of social opportunities to acquire a fine polish and elevated taste by contact with the transient iterature, to which he has the same access as the aristocrat. The influence of magazines on social problems has never been regarded, so far as I know, as a thing worth estimating, but if the eye is educated, the taste cultivated, the senses refined by popular magazines, something must result that will alter previous conditions, when the rich had these graces in exclusive-ness. Get Scribner's for December. I notice that Duncan Campbell Scott, of Ottawa, has a poem in it entitled "Winter Song.

Worthingtons Magazine for December comes to hand, filled as usual from cover to cover with good things. If one dips into this charming magazine on any one page he will not willingly lay it aside until the last page has been read. No greater compliment could be paid to its highly entertaining quality. It is a pleasure to review it, an inspiration to read Its publishers aim to give that which is best in literature, and that they have succeeded in pleasing the public is evidenced by the very large circulation it has obtained during the first year of its existence. It is brilliant, clean, instructive, eminently readable, and every number is rich with beautiful illustrayear and is now an established favor-ite in thousands of homes. It always offers something suited to the special needs and tastes of each member of the household. Indeed, its whole idea is centered in the home. There is no other magazine just like it, not one that is so welcome to the whole family. In this respect it stands alone among its competitors, for it appeals to all, from oldest to youngest, as no other magazine does. Its ilustrated papers, charming stories, delightful essays, and novel departments make it unique in design and especially interesting from the first page to the last.

The December number is, if possible, more bright and varied than any of its predecessors, If our readers are not acquainted with this captivating magazine, buy a copy and take t home with you. You will find it a helpful and inspiring companion, and every member of your family will be glad to welcome it upon its THE REVIEWER. regular appearance.

Welcome to the Information

"Are you the man that answers the series?" asked the caller, removing his hat as he came in.

"I am," replied the man at the desk, pigeon holing a request for statistics as to the total number of persons killed in the Crimean wa and filing away in the waste basket a note asking for a brief biography of all the Presi-dents from George Washington down to Grover Cleveland. "What can I do for you?"

"I've got a little bet with a friend," rejoined the visitor, "and we've agreed to leave it with you. What is the size of glove that a perfectly proportioned woman with a No. 6 foot ought to

- "The size of glove, you say ?"
- "That a perfectly proportioned woman-
- With a No. 6 foot should wear?"
- "That's right."
 "Just wait a few moments. I will consult

the anatomical tables." He waited. The man at the deak overhauled Poor's Manual, the Wealth of Nations, Roget's Thesaurus, Butler's Analogy, Allibone's Dictionary of Quotations, Blaine's Twenty Years in Congress and a concordance to Shakespeare and turned to the caller.

"According to the best information I can obtain," he said, "a woman with a No. 6 foot, if she is perfectly proportioned, should wear on her hand-

"Any glove that fits her. Turn the knob to the right. Good morning."-Chicago Tribune.

So Emotional!

While in Paris Admiral Avelan received ten housand letters, from as many women, asking for his autograph or a lock of his hair. At Lyons a woman was killed in the crush, and her shrieks were drowned by the cheers of the masses. And at Clinchy a woman waved French and Russian flags with wild cries, deliberately jumped into the river and was drowned, and when the body was recovered it was found wrapped in an undergarment made of the flags of both countries. There is apparently nothing that these French women fear to do to show their devotion to their new allies-and from some points of view it is most amentable. - Judge.

How Spartacus Was Written

Rev. Elijah Kellogg. of Harpswell, Me., thus lescribed how he wrote that favorite declama ion of school boys, Spartacus to the Gladiators

'It was while I was at Andover," said he smiling as the remembrance of the event came back to him. "We were required to prepare speeches for our rhetorical exercises, and after each man had spoken he was subjected to criticisms by his fellows—and their comments weren't always so complimentary as they were pointed. Then the professor would follow with serious criticism, and he always found faults that needed correcting.

"So these speeches came to be looked upon with dread, and at last I made up my mind that I'd try to get something so different from anything we had had and so interesting that it would hold their attention too closely for them to think about points on which to criticize me, and so I would get off free.
"Well, I wrote Spartacus. When I began, it

worked just as I had expected. They were so taken by surprise that they never thought of anything but the speech. You could have heard a pin drop at any time while I was speaking, and they did not recover until I had finished and came down to ask for criticism.
"Then, when Prof. Payne turned to the

students and enquired, 'What criticism have you to offer, young gentlemen?' there wasn't one of them had a word to say, for they were all thinking of the piece and hadn't noticed anything else.
"'Gentlemen,' said the professor, 'we are

not here for theological disquisitions nor for learned arguments, but these exercises are purely rhetorical, and, gentlemen, that is "Then, turning to me, he remarked: 'I

would criticize you, Kellogg, but I don't know whether it would do you more good or harm, and so, on the whole, I think I will say nothing."
"So," added the old gentleman, with

chuckle, "I escaped criticism."—Boston Herald. "I'd hate to be in your shoes," said a woman, as she was quarreling with a neighbor. "You couldn't get into them," sarcastically replied the neighbor.

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OHN EGERTON, the assistant sur-geon of Fort Stephen, thrust his hands well down in his pockets and let a deep feeling of thankfulness for being once more back at his quarters surge over him, yet be-neath it all there was a feeling of dissatisfaction and discontent that seemed hard to analyze, and of late had been growing stronger. As he stood at his small, grimy window, in which spiders had run riot for weeks, and looked absently out on the long, desolate stretch of Canadian prairie, lighted up by the dreary autumnal sunset, he absorbed enough of the forlowness of the view to feel what he roughly thought was homesickness. Outside his room somewhere, a man's rough deep voice was murmuring monotonously :

Er has mirs oft geesgt

Wenn ich Ihu hab gefragt.

Er hat miss of a gessagt.

Ween ich liu hab gefragt.

The mournful 'drone entered into Egerton's reverie as a back-current of his thoughts, and when the voice broke off and suddenly started on The girl I left Behind Me, he was not sure whether it was the same voice that had droned the old German ballad, or whether it had been running in his own head. Then he began thinking of home, then his dreaming came to an abrupt end when he heard the sound of horse hoofs outside on the hard prairie path He knew it was the half-breed with the mail from the East. Half regretfully he took a few last puffs from his pipe and went down to see if he had any mall. He moved like a man who was tired. But a few hours before he had returned from an Indian settlement fifty miles to the west, where he had been fighting smallpox for more than a week. A tribe of wandering half-breeds had brought the dreaded disease from the coast into the settlement, and it had spread like a fire in a summer prairie among the unclean, consumptive Indians. Panic-stricken, they had sent to the Fort for help, for they entertained highly exaggerated ideas of the power of the white doctor. Without a moment of



hesitation Egerton had volunteered to go among them and see what could be done; in fact, he was rather glat to have so nedrum barrack life, so he and the Indian messenger had set off at sundown for the plague stricken settle-ment. Edith, the ment. Colonel's daughter,

rode as far as the Bitter Creek bed with him, for he had been kind and good to her ever since he came to the Fort, and the lovely girl had formed a close friendship with the big doctor. The infantine timid-ity of her nature caused her to regard him as a hero setting out on a journey of life and death, and her girlish mind grew troubled with anxiety for his safety at the disease infected settlement. When she stopped and said good-bye, and watched the two figures fade away over the plain, her heart yearned with a strange new feeling of loneliness, and the brown face and kindly eyes of Egerton seemed to grow kindlier and dearer during his

Among the Indians it was even worse than the doctor had expected. The disease had set upon their degenerate constitutions, and the uncleanness of their living had promoted its spread. The romance of the affair, as he had imagined it, was soon dispelled. It was an almost hopeless task he had before him, but with an energy begotten of months of idleness, he set to work, vaccinating the yet untouched, nursing the sick, and burying the dead. 4 But for all his struggles many a miserable squaw mouned and wailed alone in her deserted home, and there was nothing more to be done except let the disease run its course; so, tired out and heart sick, he had returned to the

Egerton had hurried back in time for Edith's birthday, for there was a mysterious box that had come from the far East which he had placed quietly on her table with a kindly little note, wishing her happiness on her birthday.

The gift was a violin—he had heard how hers

had been smashed by a drunken soldier before he came to the Fort. Egerton handled the delicate inhis big but skilful hands almost reverentially, for he remembered that a girl he in the far East



past and recall her face, and then how he and she had quarreled and how he had come to the West to bury his injured pride and nurse a broken heart. The morbid sentimentality of his nature prompted him to regard his fancied heart-break as romantic, and he wished to show his lofty pride by his voluntary exile. But when he looked at the violin and thought what a beautiful girl Edith was, and how she had brightened his life at the dreary Western fort how they had ridden and walked and read together, he felt a slight twinge of conscience, for, after all, his exile was not the miserable, for, after all, his exile was not the miserable, unhappy existence he half wished it should be-But their friendship had never come to anything, and when he thought of her deep golden hair and her soft eyes, with their peculiar depth, they only brought to his mind the image of the woman whom he had left in the East, uplifted and idealized by prolonged thought far beyond her own beauty. Egerton, like most large men who have strong ideality, was utterly lacking in any sense of humor or tact to restrain and control it.

When one of those intuitive promptings which we call impulses caused Egerton to break off the first smoke and day-dream he had had for days, and go down to find what mail there was for him, he was not surprised to find a letter from the East, but when he saw the old familiar writing on the envelope and an old reminiscent perfume clinging to it, he blushed and paled, for with all his size he had the sentimentality of agirl. He knew the quaint feminine hand. This was the letter he had hoped for and then dreaded, with irregular alternation ever since he had gone west. At the present moment he had a causeless feeling of resentment for the writer of the letter, and he tore it open savagely. The note was very

New York, Sept. 23 New York, Sept. 20
DEAR JACK.—Come back to me, Jack; please
do. Forgive my mistake, as I have forgotten
yours: you see I am not so proud as you, so
please come to me, Jack, for I want you.

Ever your MARGUERITE MARGUERITE.

Egerton turned and looked long and absently into the western twilight that had faded to a dull gray, so long that he even allowed his pipe to go out. There was a space of bitter mental strife, of indecision and resentment, but suddenly there floated quietly out to him, to where he was straight in his indecision, the where he was standing in his indecision, the strains of an old familiar waltz, Auf Wiedersehen. As he heard it, it seemed years since he had heard Marguerite play the same well known air; it had been her waltz, and as he listened to the low notes of the violin throb out the melodious remembrance that seemed calling him eastward, old memories of former days came thronging back to him and his mind was made up. Edith saw him turn and walk back to his room. As yet she did not alto-gether realize that hers was the greatest sacrifice of which a woman is capable, but she had a vague, indistinct idea of the tragedy, or fate or accident that threw two human particles of the great sea together for a mo-ment and then hurled them immiscibly, eternally apart.

Everyone at the Fort was surprised to hear that Egerton intended to take advantage of a proffered leave of absence and go eastward, not only because his resolution was without any apparent cause, but also because of its suddenness. He kept it secret that he was taking out his discharge papers. He soon had his few possessions together, and before sundown of the following day was ready to start across the prairie to the railway. Edith shed a few unconquerable tears on her violin when she heard of his intended departure, but her English pride came to her rescue, and it was with a smilling but pale face that she promised to accompany him a part of the way on his over-land journey. The last good-byes were soon said, and the two turned their horses south-ward and rode over the darkening plains. Edith dared not trust herself to talk, but rode silently beside him while he told her of the letter, and why he was going back to the woman in the East. Then they both rode



Edith watched him disappear in the gathering dusk.

silently along; he dreaming his dreams of his old-time, distance-enchanted lover, and she not betraying the heart that was burning rebelliously within her, by any twitch of the clear, pure face that men might have fought and striven a life-time to possess. Egerton looked

'Will you miss me?" he asked bluntly. She looked up at him, and "Jack, don't go!" was on her lips, but she gripped her saddle and said, "Very much, Jack, indeed," with averted fac. But Egerton was as serenely blind as he was serenely happy.

was serency happy.

He told her how the old walt nad influenced his decision. "It was odd," he added, "that you should have played it just then."

"Did I do wrong—I mean, are you sorry, lark!", he acknowled

Jack?" she asked. "Indeed, no, Edith. You see, it used to be

her waltz. "Yes, I know. You told me so long ago and. Jack, forgive me, but I saw the letter and I guessed the rest. I thought-I thought-it would make you go back to her. I thought it was for your good, Jack. You should go back. And I-I-I must turn back now," and she pulled up suddenly.

" How can I ever thank you, Edith?' he said. "You can't-you must not try," she said, but he bent and just touched her pals cheek

but he bent and just touched her pale cheek with his brown beard.
"Good-bye, Edith; it was so good of you to play Auf Wiedersehen. It did more than you think. Good bye! No, no; not good bye, but, 'Auf wiedersehen!' And he dropped the limp little hand he held, turned, and rode silently over the desolate, unbroken plains toward the South. He knew it was good bye. Edith watched him disappear into the gathering dusk. When he was gone she bent her

small golden head and showered an unre-strained, irrepressible torrent of hot tears on the gray mane of her mustang. When she turned towards the Fort there was a sense of infinite loneliness and despair in her heart, and the strains of Aut Wiedersehen kept ringing in her ears until the refrain became almost unbearable. ARTHUR J. STRINGER.

University College, Teacher-What is a skeleton? Can you tell me, children?
Small Tot—Peathe, mith, it ith a man without any meat on it!

Robbing a Lawyer.

"Six months, with hard labor," said the

magistrate to the prisoner.
"I'll be quits with you afore long," said the
prisoner to the solicitor for the prosecution, as he turned to descend to the cells.

For Joe Renshaw felt hurt. That particular solicitor, Benjamin Timpany (Joe made a note of the name and registered a resolution not to forget it), had conducted his case with a zeal that seemed to border on animus, otherwise Mr. Renshaw's explanation as to his presence on inclosed premises at midnight might have been accepted.

been accepted.

Mr. Timpany heard the words. He saw the glance that accompanied them. It was not a reassuring glance. If one met it by the light of a bull's-eye at midnight! Ugh! Mr. Timpany

"Cleverest cracksman going, Joe!" said the sergeant in a tone almost of admiration.
"Electric bells and all that sort of thing don't
bother him a bit. He can get through an iron

shutter as if it was brown paper."

Mr. Timpany's state of mind became less complacent than ever. He had done his duty to his client in insuring this desperado's con-viction; but he began to wonder whether a man could not do his duty too well.

He began to think how exposed his house

was, how low the back garden wall, how close the balconies to the ground, how rusty the front door chain, and how insecure the window fastenings. There was, however, one consola-tion—he had six months' start of Mr. Ren-

Mr. Timpany's politeness to the policeman whose beat embraced his house, and who had been seen kissing his housemaid, was surpris-ing, having regard to the indignation he had evinced when some time previously he had been informed of the housemaid incident.

The six months of his incarceration did not speed so quickly for Joe Renshaw as for Mr. Timpany.

Joe was averse to labor of any kind, more especially to the hard variety. He had, however, ample time and opportunity for meditation on what he considered the vindictive wickedness of Mr. Timpany and the means for its requital.

Artist as he was in his own line, in the operation contemplated he meant to excel him self. He would not hurry over it, he would bide his time. Everything comes, he reflected, to the man who waits; he would wait-or Timpany.

At last came the hour when he stepped forth a free man—anyway for a time. He began to look about for occupation, not work; he had had six months at that, and if he had cared for honest work outside prison walls it would have been difficult to find.

One, two, three months since the expiration of Renshaw's sentence had expired, and Mr. Timpany began to imagine that he had forgotten his promise, and to sleep soundly of nights. He even ventured occasionally to bring home valuable documents of title and securities in his black bag, and to once more believe in the truth of the adage that an Englishman's house is his castle.

But one night, while Mr. Timpany was wrapped in gentle sleep and his pyjamas, a thin streak of white light glimmered for an instant along his back garden. Bendigo, who slept with one eye open, fancied he caught a glimpse of something that ought not to be there, and emitted a deep, warning growl.

Much to his surprise, as if by magic, a savory piece of horsefiesh, just sufficiently underdone to suit the palate of so dainty a

canine epicure, fell within a yard of his nose.

With the snorting growl that was his usual expression of delight, the bulldog rose and sniffed it; then he licked it, and it tasted even

more savory than it smeled.

Bendigo bolted it, and seeing no morsels lying about, turned to regain his kennel. But ere he could reach it his limbs stiffened and he rolled over without a groan—stone dead. A few minutes later a marvelous center-bit

was running its way silently, but surely, through Mr. Timpany's iron shutters.

Before long the shutter had been quietly pushed open, replaced, and Joe Renshaw was seated in the breakfast-room, around which his bull's eye flash was moving.

The disc of light rested a moment on a small

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throwin' away his money in payin' accounts. Some folks never knows the wally o' money. He earns his easier than I does."

Then, his list shoes making not the slightest sound, he crept into a room which served Mr.

Timpany for a kind of home office.
"This is better," chuckled the burglar, espy-

ing a safe in the corner; and once again the center-bit was called into operation. But it was a tough job, and file and crowbar had to be brought into play, and Mr. Renshaw's brow was moist before the door showed the slightest

signs of yielding.

"If I had the man as made this here," he growled, "he'd never make no more. The idea o' folks 'avin' awkward furniture like this in their 'ouses! It's only out of aggeravation to give folks unnecessary trouble over their

But at last the hinges gave way to the brutal but silent attacks of the jemmy where the file had bitten and gnawed, and Joe, quickly forcing the inner drawers, turned his

dulusty forcing the inner drawers, turned his bull's-eye on the contents.
"Well!" he said, and then he swore,
"Arter all, nothin but a pile o' dirty parch-ment not worth a crown," and he angrily turned over the bundles of deeds which repr sented tens of thousands of pounds.

But as the last drawer slid open a chuckle

escaped him. There lay a bundle of crisp Bank of England notes, which Mr. Timpany had received on the completion of a conveyancing matter after office hours, on behalf of his client, too late to pay into the bank.

Stuffing the notes into his pocket, he gathered up his tools and prepared to depart. To his great joy he saw upon the table a bottle of port wine and—a tumbler.
"O, ain't 'e kind," he soliloquized, "to per

wide refreshment as well as amusement? He might a' left it in a tureen—an' really I don't like drinkin' port out of a tumbler. Reckon he's too thirsty for wine glasses, an' mops it up here on the q. t."

And, taking up the bottle, Mr. Renshaw placed it to his lips, and drank and drank—until he had drained it to the dregs.

Replacing the bottle on the table, he picked

up his tools. He was a bit tired after his ex ertions, though he had not felt it so unmistak ably as now.

He slid into a chair to rest for a moment. He felt quite sleepy. If there had been more than half a bottle of port he would have fancied he was drunk.
"This won't do," he muttered. "I must get

back to the pony trap. Wasser marrer, so sleep-eep-eepy! Ahoo!" and he yawned loudly, He essayed to rise, but could not. For a moment he felt a thrill of fright, but it died away in a deep and drowning slumber. His arms sank upon the table and his head between

And there, five hours later, Mr. Timpany, trotting down in his dressing-gown, found him. For a moment he started, then he said :

"My friend's a man of his word—I thought he was—though I began to give him up. So the glass bottles on the wall, the bulldog, the electric bells and the iron shutters all failed me. But my own idea, the drugged bottle of wine which I've left in this room ever since this gentleman's last sentence expired, has done

its work admirably."

And then Mr. Timpany trotted upstairs for that patent alarm whistle, and woke up all the sleepers in the locality, except the burglar, who slept on for several hours more, and awoke to find himself seated on a hard deal board in a police station cell.

He is now commencing a term of twelve years' penal servitude, and his constant reflection is that it's "all through doing business with lawyers."—Tit Bits.

cabinet, the lock of which Mr. Renshaw leisurely proceeded to neatly pick.

"Tradesmen's bills," he grunted, "all receipted; wot a spendthrift the chap must be, Come in and have a cigar.



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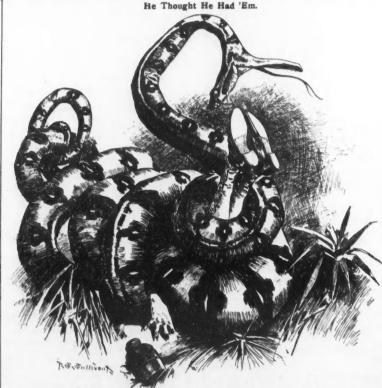
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Mrs. John Kay was At Home to a large num ber of friends on Saturday at her beautiful residence on St. George street. The refreshment-room was decorated with pink chrysan themums and pink roses; also the drawing room. Another pretty room was decked with quantities of dark crimson roses, and the halls with stately palms and graceful ferns. Mrs. Kay wore a most becoming light silk trimmed with numerous small frills, and her little daughter was also in white. Amongst the many guests were: Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Dawson, Colonel and Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Ryerson, Mrs. Nixon, Miss and Mr. J. Macdonald, Mr. J. Scott, the Misses Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. Northcote, Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Hoskins, the Misses Arthurs, Mr. and Mrs. James Crowther, Mr. Maitland, the Misse Beatty, Captain Burns, Mr. and Miss Hoskins, Captain Tassie, the Misses Clark, Mrs. David captain rassie, the Misses claim, and Mrs. son, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Captain McLean, Mrs. Moffatt, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. T. Rae and Miss T. Rae and many others. Music was supplied by Corlett in the upper hall, and altogether it was one of the most enjoyable At Homes so far this season.

Mrs. Ryerson of College street gave a large progressive euchre party on Tuesday evening in honor of her gues', Miss Fraser. Amongst those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ryerson, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haultaine, Mr. and Miss Cawthra, Mr. and Mrs James Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ince, Miss Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. D. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. Bolte, Mr. and Mrs. Bristol, the Misses Arthurs Miss Drayton, the Misses Parsons, Mr. and Miss Hodgins, Mr. Beardmore, Dr. Thorburn, Messrs, J. MacDonald, D. Burritt, C. Smith, L. McMurray, the Misses Lockhart, Captain McLean, Messrs. Hoskins, C. Bogert, Stanton and

On Monday last Miss Langmuir, Parkdale gave a delightful luncheon to a dozen young ladies in honor of Miss Nordheimer, the eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Nordheimer.

Miss King Dodds left last week for New York to visit Captain Hooker's family.

Miss Emily H. G. Bate of St. Catharines is visiting Mrs. Fuller of Rosedale.

Mrs. G. A. Shambrook and Mrs. James Macpherson of Hamilton are visiting Mrs. War wick, Bloor street.

Dr. and Mrs. Ephraim Elliott have returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Elliott will re-ceive on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6, and following Tuesdays.

It is long since Kenmore has opened its hospitable doors, but on Friday of last week, as a foretaste of what will shortly ensue, Mr. Albert Nordheimer gave a small card party, at which the game of the evening was neither whist nor "silent." Kenmore will not be longer without a mistress, since Mrs. Albert Nordheimer, whose return has been delayed by the illness of her son, sailed last week from England, and should be in town to-day or to-

The Misses Hall of Sherbrooke, P. Q., who have been staying with relatives in town and who have lately been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D'Alton McCarthy, left this week for Montreal, where they will spend the winter.

Cards are out for an atternoon At Home at Glenedyth on December 9. Mr. and Mrs. Nord-heimer's eldest daughter, who has recently arrived from England with her mother, is one of the season's debutantes, which, doubtless, is the raison detre of the At Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaicher of Torquay, England, are former residents of Toronto, who have returned here for a visit of a few weeks and who are staying with old friends on Jarvis

The Misses Jones of Blackheath are staying with their aunt, Mrs. Edward Jones, on Church street. The Misses Jones purpose spending the greater part of the winter on this side of the Atlantic

There were dinner parties on Tuesday night at Mrs. Henry Cawthra's, and at Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Blackstock's on Jarvis street.

The Unity Club presented the comedy Our Boys in Forum Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, under the management of Mr. Martin Cleworth. This gentleman has just been engaged by the students of Trinity College to manage their production of a play in the Grand Opera House in January.

Mr. A. G. Wilkie left Thursday for a three months' trip to Scotland.

Mrs. J. I. Davidson gave a delightful luncheon on Monday for Mrs. Drury of King-ston, who is visiting Mrs. Harry Patterson. Nearly a score of fashionable people were grouped about the very handsomely decorated

Mrs. John I. Davidson gives a dinner party on Monday evening.

The annual conversazione of the Toronto College of Music takes place on Thursday even-

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. H. Massey and their daughter Ruth left Monday week for the South for the winter.

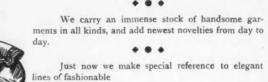
The eminent Q. C., Mr. Christopher Robinson, has been offered the honor of knighthood, but has declined to accept the title.

Mr. C. D. Massey and family have gone south

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Marriages.

BALL—ALLEN—Os Wednesday, Nov. 22:1d, 1883, at St. Fati's church, Bowmanville, by Rev. R. D. Fraser, M. A., assisted by Rev. W. S. Ball, father of the groom, George Brown Ball, nephew of the late Hon. George Brown, is E 11th, second daughter of W. F. Allso, garmaps of B sumaeville.

FREEL—BARNES—Nov. 28, Dr. J. A. Freel to Jennie Garnes. Barnes
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